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Grayling Township to get four new dry fire hydrants

Money being spent to protect against area fire potential

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Grayling City and Township Fire Department will be getting four new dry hydrants in the Grayling Township area.

The Grayling Township board approved a proposal to purchase and have the four hydrants installed in various locations to help fight future fires. The board members approved a cost of up to \$4,500 for the purchase and installation.

The dry hydrants attach to bridges or other structures and can pump water directly from the river or water source. It is a type of hydrant that only takes one person to set up before being used by the fire department.

A letter from Fire Chief Russell Strohpaal, Jr. and Assistant Chief Dean Goss explained that there are two major advantages to having these dry hydrants. One advantage is it makes accessing water much quicker. The second advantage is it takes less

personnel for set up, due to the fact that heavy pumps do not have to be carried to water sources.

Four installation sites for the dry hydrants in Grayling Township are Pollack Bridge, Wakeley Bridge, Wilcox Bridge and Portage Creek.

According to fire department officials, the Pollack Bridge hydrant will provide water access for surrounding wild land, Wendy Lane, AuSable Trail, Sherwood Forest and Old Dam Road area. The Wakeley Bridge hydrant will make water accessible for surrounding forests, residential and businesses in the area.

Fire officials pointed out in the

proposal that the Wilcox Bridge hydrant can not be attached to the bridge as is, due to it being one lane and the speculation that it may be replaced. Excavation will be needed for installation. The accessible water from the hydrant will be available for surrounding wild land, Wilcox Bridge Road, Jones Lake Road, Red Wing Terrace and Grayling Mobile Estates.

The Portage Creek site also will need excavation. According to fire officials, this hydrant will provide water for surrounding wild land, campground, Euclid Avenue and all of McIntyre Landing residences.

In other Grayling Township

business, the board members approved a job description for the new building inspector/ordinance enforcer position. According to Supervisor Terry Wright, the hired person for this position will hopefully be made at the April 8 township meeting.

By mid-April the township will have

in place, if the person is found, a full-time building inspector/ordinance enforcer, Wright said. This person will spend approximately 60 percent of his/her time as building inspector, 35 percent as an ordinance enforcer, and five percent or less planning maintenance for the township buildings.

Community, Camp Grayling officials to discuss topics at March 26 meeting

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

An opportunity for officials from the local Michigan National Guard training facility and residents from the surrounding area to get together and discuss certain topics will occur next week.

A Camp Grayling Community Council meeting is set to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, at the Camp Grayling Armory. The purpose of the meeting is to enhance two-way communications among the camp and segments of the surrounding communities.

The community council meeting is open to anyone. Lt. Col. Jerold Foehl, public affairs officer for Camp Grayling, said the idea for the meeting is to get input from the populous.

According to Foehl, the concept of having the community meeting was started in 1990 during Commander Wayne Koppa's administration at Camp Grayling.

The main purpose is to share information in an open forum with

neighbors, special-interest groups and governmental officials, Foehl said.

One of the items in which information will be provided and it can be discussed is the new Multi Purpose Range Complex on Camp Grayling. Maj. Tibor Lanczy, chief facility management officer for the Michigan Department of Military Affairs, will present information on the construction and operation of the new range.

Greg Huntington, environmental coordinator for the Michigan Department of Military Affairs, and John Hunt, environmental manager at Camp Grayling, will recap information concerning the Range 40 water quality study. The study is reaching the final results after five years of testing and analysis.

The third major topic of discussion will center around an explanation of the enhanced groundwater remediation project at Grayling Army Airfield. The project is entering the final stages of cleanup following a 1984 fuel spill.

Brunskill is announced as second runner-up

Grayling senior earns scholarship

Kate Brunskill, a senior at Grayling High School, was named the Michigan Junior Miss 1997 second runner-up at the competition March 15.

The 39th Annual program was held in Alpena. Brunskill competed with 17 other women for the Michigan Junior Miss title.

"They were 17 of the nicest girls I've ever met in my life. We all got along really well," Brunskill said.

The 18 contestants spent a week in Alpena, rehearsing, shopping and touring the city's sights. The actual competition consisted of a fitness routine, as well as poise and appearance. During the poise and appearance portion Brunskill spoke for 30 seconds on family values.

"Everything went really well," Brunskill said.

"Junior Miss was the best experience of my life. It taught me how to speak in front of people, gain self-confidence and provide me with motivation," Brunskill said.

The winner of the competition was Rachel Martz (Flint) and first runner-

up was Brooke Formolo (Wayne/Westland).

Brunskill will be presented a \$750 cash scholarship for being named second runner-up.

Brunskill plans to use the scholarship money at her college of choice - Western Michigan University.



Kate Brunskill

Hall of Fame race is one of new events planned for 50th canoe marathon

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Special plans for the special canoe marathon event this year continue to be discussed and finalized by the marathon committee.

The special events for the 1997 AuSable River Canoe Marathon are being planned because this year's marathon is the 50th in a string of successful races from Grayling to Oscoda.

The marathon, which will be held on July 26-27, is being planned as a celebration of the five decades the race has spanned. Some of the new events scheduled for this year's event include a Hall of Fame race, a get-acquainted night and a special float for the marathon parade.

The Hall of Fame race has been set by the committee for Thursday, July 24. The race will begin at 5 p.m.

According to Marathon Committee Chairman Joseph Wakeley, the Hall of Fame event will be for any former marathon racer over the 50 years who wishes to compete. The plan is for the special race to be a fun event for former racers.

The first leg of the Hall of Fame race will take part in Grayling on July 24 prior to the regular marathon. The second leg will take place after the regular marathon on Sunday, July 27, in Oscoda at 1 p.m. Wakeley said the Hall of Fame paddlers can do one or both legs of the special race.

Details are still being finalized by the marathon committee and volunteers for a get-acquainted program on Wednesday, July 23. Wakeley said the short program will be a place where former paddlers can get together and meet.

The program is set to be held at the Holiday Inn with a Business After Hours-type format. The Business After Hours is a chamber of commerce program where people get together.

Wakeley pointed out that there will be historical type of information at the get-acquainted program, and old

memorabilia to celebrate the 50 years of the marathon.

Another interesting item for the 50th event is a special float for the marathon parade.

The committee has a picture of a float from the 1947 parade. That float will be recreated from the picture for the 1997 marathon parade.

In addition to these new events for this year's event, the marathon committee also is working on the normal tasks for the regular marathon race. According to Wakeley, the entry packets for the marathon will be mailed out around April 1.

Any potential racer who needs an entry packet who does not get one can call the marathon office at 348-4425.

Being the 50th race, there are a number of racers interested in being part of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, one portion of the Triple Crown of canoe racing.

Person interested in paddling in the race have already contacted the marathon committee from states outside of Michigan, including Florida, California, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri, Wakeley said. There may also be one or two teams from Great Britain.

City found 'responsible' in court case to help maintain railway signals

The court case of Lake State Railway Company versus the City of Grayling was heard recently in court, and the court found against the city.

The results of the case, which was heard in 83rd District Court, were made public at the March 10 Grayling City Council meeting. City Manager Jerry Morford said the city was found "responsible" in this matter.

The focus of the case involved the charging of funds for railway signal maintenance. The railway area in question is located near the Crawford

County Courthouse on Michigan Avenue.

The "responsible" finding by the court means that the City of Grayling must pay half of the maintenance costs of the railway signals, Morford said. That cost would be \$560 a year.

According to Morford, the charge for the maintenance of the railway signals was the only matter involved, as far as the city's responsibility is concerned.

Morford also pointed out that

although a ruling was made, the litigation involving this matter is not over yet.

The question in the case was where Michigan Avenue ends. City officials contend that the city road ends prior to the railway crossing, with the courthouse parking lot on the other side of the railway.

This matter has stretched on for some time now, since the case was originally adjourned from a Nov. 19 date by the court.

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Public hearing set to discuss decriminalizing ordinance

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Zoning ordinance violators in Crawford County may be facing a different charge instead of a criminal offense, as the county is looking to use other methods to enforce their policy.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners approved a motion establishing April 15 as the public hearing date for a proposed decriminalization ordinance for zoning matters. The hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m.

The commissioners supported the zoning decriminalizing ordinance at their March 4 board meeting. The ordinance was prepared by legal counsel and an opinion also was provided upon request.

The purpose of decriminalizing the procedure is to give the county a better method of prosecuting offenders of the zoning ordinances. The matter is currently a criminal offense handled in District Court.

The decriminalizing ordinance makes it easier for the county to handle violations, County Chairman Bruce Bretzke said. It takes the matter out of the criminal court system and makes it a civil infraction.

The public hearing is being held so the county board can receive any comments from county residents concerning the proposed zoning decriminalizing ordinance.

The county currently enforces the provisions of the zoning ordinance by issuing an appearance ticket. The appearance ticket requires the recipient

to appear before the District Court on the alleged violation. If allegation proved true, the recipient is subject to misdemeanor penalties including a \$500 fine and imprisonment for up to 90 days.

In his legal opinion to the county board, Grayling attorney William Carey explained that it is highly unlikely that the District Court would jail anyone for a zoning ordinance violation, and with only the threat of a fine, the violation is not corrected.

When proceeding in Circuit Court, which would occur if the decriminalizing ordinance is approved, the county may receive a temporary injunction which immediately abates the violation.

"If the defendant fails to cure the violation the county board is authorized to cure the violation itself and collect costs as a lien against the real property," Carey stated as the effect of decriminalization.

The idea of decriminalization is not a new one, as counties and other governmental entities in Michigan are changing to methods other than criminal procedures.

In addition to change in the end result, there are other reasons Carey mentions as rationale for the decriminalization decision.

The burden of proof necessary to receive a favorable verdict is substantially less as a civil infraction, Carey stated in his legal opinion. Another reason is to relieve the unnecessary burden of work from a number of law enforcement officials.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lawrence Sullivan of Marlette, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kirsten Ann, to Paul Bruce Billeter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bruce Billeter of Carrollton. An August wedding is planned. Kirsten is a 1993 graduate of Hope College and currently teaches reading and French at Whittemore-Prescott Junior High School. Paul is a 1991 graduate of Central Michigan University and currently teaches English at Whittemore-Prescott Junior High School. Kirsten is the granddaughter of Doris and the late Alfred J. Sorenson, of Grayling.

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Answer: It is always a good idea to plan ahead, as you are doing, when considering marriage. Many young people are disappointed to find out that wedding dates must be postponed because of failure to meet certain requirements.

To get a marriage license, a couple is required by law to receive information and counseling on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), AIDS, and their relationship to prenatal care. This law applies to all couples planning marriage regardless of age, previous marriages, and sexual experience. No blood tests are required but certain tests will be explained and offered at the information/counseling sessions. After completing the session, the couple receives a signed certificate. This certificate must be presented at the County Clerk's office at least three working days before the marriage license is issued, but not more than 30 days before the wedding. The certificate is valid for 60 days and certifies that you have received counseling and have been offered testing for STDs and AIDS.

To attend an informational/

counseling session, a couple needs to call the Health Department office in their county and make an appointment for pre-marital education class. Ideally, the call should be made one to two months in advance since classes are offered only at certain times and limited in number. The cost of the one-hour class is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple.

The information presented during the class is considered extremely important since it outlines certain behaviors that can have serious effects on the health of individuals, spouses and unborn children. This information can keep your marriage free from sexually transmitted diseases and help you make decisions about future pregnancies. Most importantly, it will help produce generations of healthy children for the future.

If you need more information about pre-marital education or family planning clinics, call the health department in your area. Our friendly, helpful staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have and assist you in scheduling appointments.

This information is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves Wexford, Muskegon, Kalamazoo and Crawford counties. Any questions should be sent to Health Educator, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Crawford County unemployment rate released

The Michigan Employment Security Agency recently released its year-end figures for 1996 and also gave the estimated employment material for the month of January.

For 1996, Crawford County had an average unemployment rate of 7.4 percent. The figure was based on an average monthly civilian labor force in Crawford County of 5,375.

Of the more than 5,300 persons in the labor force, a 1996 monthly average of 4,975 employed persons was determined. The 1996 year averaged 400 unemployed persons per month in the county.

The average number of Crawford County persons who were employed in wage and salary positions was 4,425 per month last year.

The 4,400 number basically comes from the averages of 800 employees working for goods producing industries and 3,600 employees working for service producing industries. The goods producing industries consist of businesses such as manufacturing and construction. The service producing businesses consist of utilities, merchandise stores, insurance, real estate and government agencies.

The northern Lower Peninsula's unemployment rate in January of 1997 was 10.7 percent, and Crawford County was similar to that rate for the month at 10.5 percent.

The county's 10.5 rate is 2.3 percentage points higher than December 1996. It also is higher than the 9.1 percent posted in January 1996.

In the northern Lower Peninsula region, the month of January saw wage and salary employment decline by 6,050 jobs. The greatest job reductions took place in retail trade, followed by construction and local government.

Also, declines occurred in both the durable and nondurable manufacturing sectors. Employment gains were practically non-existent over the month.

Compared with a year ago, wage and salary employment has grown by 3,975 jobs or 2.3 percentage points. Over the year job growth in retail trade was the greatest with 1,775 new positions posted, which was a gain of 4.5 percent. Private services had the second highest increase in additional jobs with employment growing by 1,225 people or 2.9 percent.

Gains incurred in both durable and non-durable goods sectors (primarily

durable goods) offset declines, giving employment in manufacturing a slight net gain over the year of 300 jobs or 1.0 percentage point. Government jobs, however, declined by 175 or 0.7 of a percentage point, due to losses in local government. Construction continued to improve over the year with an increase of 500 new jobs or 5.9 percent.

January's unemployment rate compares unfavorably with the Michigan rate of 5.5 percent and the national rate of 5.9 percent. The highest rate in the northern Lower Peninsula during January was recorded in Cheboygan County at 22.4 percent, while the lowest rate was in Otsego County at 5.9 percent.

Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

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1-75 Business Loop, behind the Grayling Holiday Inn

For updated information, call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at (517) 348-2921

State trooper receives medal of bravery

The Michigan State Police Board of Awards announced that Trooper Ronald D. Croskey of the Houghton Lake Post is a recipient of the Michigan State Police Award of Bravery. Croskey received the award for his actions after being shot by a gunman.

While on patrol, Croskey received a call stating two vans had left a gas station without paying for gas. Croskey located the vans at a rest stop along I-75. Croskey began questioning, when deputies from Crawford County Sheriff's Department arrived as a back-up.

During the questioning, one of the suspects suddenly turned towards Deputy Paul Smith and shot him in the chest. The suspect then immediately moved to Croskey's patrol car and shot him as he was seated behind the steering wheel. Croskey was struck by two bullets, one paralyzing his left leg. Unable to move, Croskey leaned across the front seat of his patrol car to call for help. After making the call, Croskey looked up over the dashboard of the patrol car into the eyes of his attacker. He was again shot by the suspect. The suspect then returned to the van.

Croskey raised his head and saw the suspect seated in the van. Still paralyzed in the left leg and shot in the chest, Croskey put his weapon in his right hand and leaned out of the passenger window of the patrol car. He was able to shoot the suspect several times as he exited the van. At this time, additional back-up units arrived and officers were able to apprehend the assailant and his three accomplices.

The Michigan State Police Board of Awards recognizes that although severely wounded by hostile fire and in great pain, Croskey was still able to maintain an aggressive response during an extremely dangerous situation. In doing so, Croskey was able to protect his fellow officers and the citizens who were at the rest stop.

Croskey enlisted with the department on Feb. 19, 1978, and was first assigned as a trooper to the Mount Pleasant Post. He has also served at the New Baltimore and Detroit Posts. He has served at the Houghton Lake Post since 1986. A native of Dearborn, he now lives in Clare with his spouse, Theresa, and their three children.

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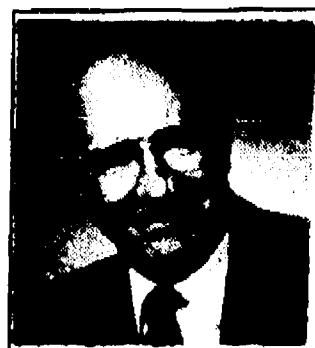
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

America: Our throw away society

HERE ARE A few thoughts about recent items in the paper.

IT'S ALWAYS a bit sad when a piece of Americana — or at least Michigan — is consigned to the scrap heap.

The big, old, rambling Hudson's Department Store building in downtown Detroit apparently will be torn down, probably for a parking lot.

Hudson's at one time employed 11,000 people there in stores and offices. The building had 25 stories, and covered more than two million square feet.

I only visited Detroit Hudson's a half dozen times at the most and don't harbor personal nostalgia, but I'm still sorry it's going.

The Hudson's store outlived itself, chased to the suburbs by changing buying habits and a deteriorating core of the big city.

But why does it have to be destroyed? Is there no other service this huge, well-built structure could provide?

Could it be used for downtown apartments? Maybe to house the homeless? How about a museum or gallery? Could it fit in with the coming

Detroit casinos, or sports stadia?

Apparently not.

Erected in the 1920s, it's really not that old, by world standards anyway.

But in America, anything from 75 years ago is ancient. We throw it away. Not so in Europe or Asia or most of the rest of the world, where cathedrals and castles and even homes span centuries.

It's a bit sad, really.

But that's the way it is around here.

CONTRADICTIONS — Most conventional political wisdom holds that the Republican party is the rich one, and Democrats are the poor ones. Not necessarily so.

In last year's campaign for U.S. Senate in Michigan, Democrat Carl Levin raised about \$6 million for his successful reelection bid, while his losing Republican opponent, Ronna Romney, put together only \$3.18 million.

It's a sign of the times that the adjective "only" fits well with a \$3 million statewide campaign.

Another top Democrat, U.S. Rep. David Bonior, also out-moneyed his Republican foe by a large margin.

Mr. Bonior raised \$1.54 million and had about \$80,000 left over after the

election. His opponent, Republican Susie Heintz, raised only \$679,000, and spent it all.

Are Republicans rich and Democrats poor? Not always.

SAFESKIES — Airplane accidents will happen.

That rather fatalistic approach was attributed in a recent article to someone who should know.

Michael Boyd is president of a Golden, Colo. firm that does research for airlines and airports.

"Any way you slice or dice it, as long as we insist on putting ourselves in metal tubes and attempting to levitate, we're going to have accidents," Mr. Boyd said.

"It's not a natural act to fly. Most of the time we get away with it. But as long as we have airplanes, we're going to have accidents."

EARLY POLLS — In case anyone is paying attention to such things this early in the game, recent polls indicate that Vice President Al Gore and retired Gen. Colin Powell are the leading candidates for president in 2000.

Now isn't that a big surprise? The poll conducted for Reuters news

agency found that 53 percent of Democrats favored Mr. Gore for president, while 10 percent wanted former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, 9 percent favored House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, and 5 percent wanted Sen. Bob Kerry of Nebraska.

On the Republican side, Gen. Powell led with 29 percent, Texas Gov. George Bush had 15 percent, former Rep. Jack Kemp had 12 percent, former Vice President Dan Quayle 11 percent, Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee 6 percent, and 1996 also ran Lamar Alexander also of Tennessee and Gov. Christy Whitman of New Jersey each had 4 percent.

Michigan's Gov. John Engler was not mentioned.

In a head-to-head match, the poll found Gen. Powell would defeat Mr. Gore 49-35, while Mr. Gore would beat anyone else.

This early in the game, such polls mean nothing, but do provide some off-season nourishment for political junkies.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Task force requests questions on proposed race-track project

To fellow community members,

The Raceway Task Force has been working with Mr. Parmelee in trying to get various questions asked and answered. Mr. Parmelee has been very cooperative, and has responded very promptly. We also have had meetings with state officials, getting numerous questions answered. Within the next few weeks, a site will be selected and introduced to the citizens of Crawford County.

After the site selection has been announced, we will begin to publish these questions and answers. We would like the citizens of Crawford to submit any questions they might have to the Raceway Task Force about the proposed Edges Raceway Project.

Tracey Gallagher and Lauria Gwisdala, owners of Comprehensive Answering Service, have donated a hotline number to take your questions. This number is (517) 344-3109. We on the Task Force will try to obtain the answers for you.

We also will be setting up a public meeting sometime in mid-April, so residents can ask questions, get answers, and voice opinions. In closing, it is very important we, the members of the community, keep up the strong support in order for this project to succeed. The Raceway Task Force, as well as Mr. Parmelee, look forward to hearing from you.

John Schneider
Raceway task force member

Race track idea is a nightmare, not a dream

To the editor,

I saw where someone is having a dream about race tracks in Crawford County. This is more like a nightmare. Can you imagine the noise pollution, air pollution, traffic pollution, crime pollution?

Increased taxes? We would need a larger hospital, a larger sheriff department, etc. At the Pontiac Dome for only 80,000 people, many highways had to be added. Now they are closing this stadium after costing the taxpayers millions of dollars.

I have talked to people from Minnesota, where there is a similar track, and the noise could be heard for many miles. Property values dropped. Because of the gambling, crime became a major problem.

The western section of Beaver Creek

Township and the eastern part of Kalkaska County is a sanctuary for the Kirtland Warbler which we all know is an endangered species. No one can even walk in the area where they nest in the summer. Now there is talk of knocking out over 1,000 acres of their nesting area, not counting the other thousands of acres ruined by noise made by race tracks — I don't think so.

If certain people want this kind of activity, they can move to Detroit, Flint, or Pontiac where they would be welcomed.

To Mr. Parmelee: Take your nightmare elsewhere. Good luck and good bye.

Donald W. Kuk
Crawford County property owner

POINT OF VIEW

by Brian Hulbert, Frederic Township Supervisor

Frederic Township has numerous topics for future consideration

My friend and fellow supervisor, Lee Riley, says I am a true politician now that I have been re-elected to the same position.

Now that I have been asked to share in the writing of "Point of View," with some of our county's most notorious politicians, I guess Lee must be right. Actually, I don't mind being called a politician. Like it or not, elected officials are a necessary part of our government. It's unfortunate that many good and more qualified people don't run for office, because of all the negative comments and fighting. Everyone knows there is a good possibility that nearly 50 percent of the people won't like the decision that is made.

I ran for office because I realized I was complaining about those in office and their decisions or lack of decisions.

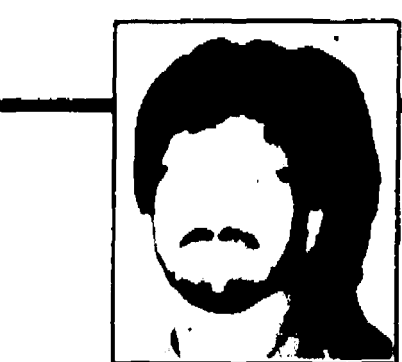
I was born and raised in Frederic and like the community, but I thought we could use some changes and improvements. In the past four years, the township has started roadside trash pickup, made street and drainage improvements, encouraged the cleaning up of property, even had some money in the bank. Nevertheless, each decision had its share of complaints and criticism, but apparently the majority liked the changes and now I look forward to the next four years.

The proposed race track will, no doubt, be a hot topic in the coming months. Our township board has taken

the position of support in the concept and to at least look into this project. Many meetings and questions will come and hopefully solutions to potential problems will be in place before any decisions are final.

Another topic of discussion to our township has been the snowmobile controversy. This is an example of a sport that did not get enough planning and forethought before it hit us. With the help of a citizen's task force, we hope to have solutions to parking, law enforcement and safety problems by next season.

Road improvements will continue to be a high priority to the township board. Plans are under review for improvements to a portion of Cameron



Brian Hulbert

Bridge Road this summer. Most people would like to have improvements to our roads, but the financing of each project remains the major hurdle.

Citizen involvement and input will be sought as plans for improvements to our park have been discussed at recent board meetings. The need of recreational opportunities for our youth, and not so young, are evident and any expenditures in this area is money well spent.

In closing, I look forward to working with those who will work towards solutions, not just complain and criticize.

Snowmobiler taking business elsewhere

To the editor and

business owners of Grayling,

Recently while on a snowmobile outing, my family and myself, along with a few friends, visited the Grayling area. We decided that we had better go into town to get some gas and get a bite to eat. Upon doing so, we followed M-72 east into town, and turned right and followed the railroad grade to get to the back street behind the gas stations. Just as we were to cross the road to go to the gas station, we were confronted by two DNR officers, and were informed that we were trespassing on railroad property. My husband was issued a ticket, because he was the lead person of our group of nine, and we were also informed, quote: "The locals are fed up with you people" unquote. We feel that we were treated very rudely, and the DNR was very unprofessional. I understand that they have a job to do, but there was no reason for them to treat us the way they did. We are not disputing the

ticket, but there are two issues here:

1. The designated snowmobile trail north of M-72 runs right along side of the railroad tracks. If you cross the highway, you are trespassing.

2. The DNR is sending a message that snowmobilers are not welcome in the Grayling area. On this particular day, our group dropped over \$100 just in gas. That doesn't say anything of what we spent on meals. I don't know how you folks figure, but my calculations add up to quite a bit of how much money snowmobilers spend in your town. The DNR made their point quite well, and we don't need that kind of aggravation, so we will simply take our business elsewhere.

I just wanted to bring to your attention the type of representation you have out there in the trails. If this continues, your revenue dollars are going to go bye-bye. Good luck.

Roberta Lynch
Standish

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative

Advisory group defines basis for Social Security debate

Media coverage of the report of the Advisory Council on Social Security highlighted the fact that the group could not reach an agreement on how best to finance future benefits. A story even more important may be the fact that the group of citizens/experts representing a cross-section of the American public reached majority consensus on the basic principles the program should involve. It is worth noting these principles because they may determine the parameters on which agreement on a financing plan may eventually be reached.

The Council agreed that Social

Security is vitally important as a compulsory, universal program of income replacement and should be the base of the retirement income system for future generations. In addition, the Council stated the following:

—Action to revise the long-range financing of the program should be taken as early as possible to derive the largest return from program changes and to give policy makers reasonable options to deal effectively with the greater costs of the coming Baby Boom retirement.

—Maintaining full and automatic cost-of-living adjustments, as

determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, should be one of the most important goals of Social Security.

—Any sacrifices involved in bringing the system into balance should be widely shared and not be placed entirely on the shoulders of current and future workers and their employers.

—Conventional means-testing of Social Security is unwise.

—Benefits of low-wage workers should be protected in making reductions in the future growth of benefits.

The 13-member Council was appointed by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala in early 1994. Edward M. Gramlich, Chairman of the council and dean of the School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, stated: "Some change is needed to return the program to long-term financial stability, and that change can be undertaken in a thoughtful, reasoned way that ensures

equitable treatment and adequate retirement income for all workers of all generations," he stated. "But we must begin to evaluate options now to assure the American people that the program can continue to be financially solvent for future generations."

The Council clearly recognized the importance of coming up with a financing plan that reinforces the strengths of the system and builds on our experience in meeting the needs of the American people. They are the principles you should keep in mind as you follow the current dialogue on future directions of the Social Security system.

Correction

In last week's issue, The Avalanche inadvertently misidentified the interim chamber director in the article on the new Chamber of Commerce executive director. The interim director actually is Ron Joyce. The Avalanche apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will not be published without the author's name.

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BRIEFS

Garden club to kick off '97 garden season

A garden club will be meeting at Michelson Memorial Church, March 20 at 7 p.m. Guests should bring seed, bulb and flower catalogs to share with the group. Participants can take advantage of savings through bulk catalog orders. New gardeners will be advised by veteran gardeners about what grows and does not grow well in this area.

Irish festival to be held at Holiday Inn

The "Song of Ireland" Irish buffet and show will be held March 22 at the Grayling Holiday Inn Evergreen Room. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 7:45 p.m. For reservations call 348-7641 ext. 123/120.

Koppa named to President's List

Marcia Marie Koppa, Grayling, was recently named to the President's List at Kirtland Community College. She was named to the list for the fall 1996 semester after achieving at least a 3.8 grade point average.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: If you were another person, would you like to be a friend of yours?

My goodness, we had a good crowd for the Sunday Potluck. Twenty-four of us gathered and had a wonderful meal together. Afterwards there was a spirited game of dominoes and picture-puzzling and lots of conversation. Too bad more people don't avail themselves of the good times and good companionship.

Happenings at the Center: "Pantry Bingo" every Friday at 1 p.m.; COA board meeting at 5:30 on March 19 and we hope to have a new director appointed at that time. Share pick-up at 1:30 at the Latter Day Saints Church on North Down River Road and legal help at the center at 1:30 all happening on March 21.

We are having our Easter dinner on March 25 at 5 p.m. We will be serving a beautiful baked ham dinner with all the trimmings. (Our home-delivered meal will be the holiday dinner.) Special door prizes and dancing will follow the meal. A reminder that the center will be closed on Good Friday and we wish all of you a very happy Easter.

Please call for an appointment if you need help with your taxes, heating credit, prescription credit, etc. Help will be here every Tuesday and Friday from 9 to 3 (517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500).

Join us for meals: We serve at noon and 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday. Soup served on Monday and Wednesday; and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. The charge is \$1.50 donation for seniors, and a \$3 charge for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

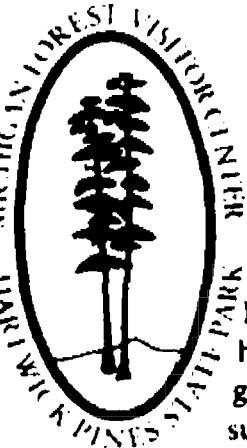
Stop by or give us a call if you have

Don't miss the Home Improvement Guide in next week's issue!

any questions, need help or just for fun (308 Lawndale — 348-7123 or toll free 1-888-355-4500). Remember, if your life isn't becoming to you ... you should becoming to us!

Lunch/Dinner

March
19—Herbed Chicken/Roast Pork
20—Beef Chop Suey/Ham Loaf
21—Swiss Steak/no dinner
24—Maryland Chicken/Stuffed Cabbage
25—Chopped Sirloin/Special Easter Dinner
26—Pot Roast/Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
27—Oven Pork/Liver and Onions
28—Good Friday. Center is closed — Happy Easter



PINE WHISPERS

Hartwick Pines State Park
by Ann Stephens, Park Interpreter

Winter is losing its icy grip on northern Michigan ... we hope. Days are getting longer, the sun stronger and for one more sure sign of spring, come on out to the Michigan Forest Visitor Center at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday, March 22, and see of the sugar maple trees have had a "sap run." We'll be conducting a drop-in public program from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. introducing visitors to the maple syrup-making process.

European settlers learned about maple sugar-making from the American natives. Each year, as long as North American winters yielded to spring, native peoples would congregate in sugar-making camps. These temporary encampments were located in forests with abundant sugar maple trees (*Acer saccharum*) throughout the region of the United States bounded by Maine, Maryland, Missouri and Minnesota and north into Quebec and Ontario, Canada.

One legend states that a native woman discovered "sweet water" while preparing her family supper. On

County rep needed for exchange service

Linda Daugherty, national recruiter for ICES (International Cultural Exchange Services), has announced the need for an area representative in Crawford County and surrounding areas of Michigan. ICES is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting a more peaceful world by increasing international awareness and understanding among the peoples of the world through experience in cultural sharing.

The area representative helps make the communities aware of the student exchange by selecting and screening prospective host families to ensure that they will provide a quality environment for the ICES students while they are in America.

After a family is accepted, the area representative assists the host family, student and school to ensure that any questions or problems are handled immediately. "ICES will not place their foreign exchange students in an area where there is not a representative," Daugherty explained.

The ICES program places students arriving in August with families for

the 10-month program or students arriving in January for the five-month program.

The area representative position with ICES provides an opportunity to assume a leadership position and to make a meaningful contribution to the community, said Daugherty.

The area representative receives monetary remuneration and other benefits for their efforts. ICES representatives receive compensation for every student placed with a host family and for supervising the placement during the 10-month academic year, or semester, whichever the case may be. Bonus points for free travel are also awarded and can be accumulated.

ICES provides ongoing instructions and direction through a strong national office staff. The representative will receive in-depth training materials and will be assisted by the ICES national recruiter in the local area with a toll free number. Persons interested in joining ICES as an area representative can contact the national recruiter, Linda Daugherty, at 1-800-981-6801.

Crawford County Sheriff Department



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 101 incidents from March 10 through March 17:

Ambulance (1), Fire (1), Criminal Sex (2), Larceny (1), Fraud (1), Property Damage (2), Obscenity (1), Fam/Child (1), Obstruction of Police (1), Obstruction of Justice (2), Public Peace (5); OUI/OUID (1), Health and Safety (18), Invasion of Privacy (2), Conservation (4), Miscellaneous Criminal (1), Minors (3), Runaway (1), Accidents (9), Parking Violation (3), Traffic/PR (1), Snowmobile (2), False Alarm (6), Accident Other (1), Insp Veh (1), Civil/FT (9), Suspicious Situation (1), Natural Death (1), Missing Person (1) and General Non-Criminal (18).

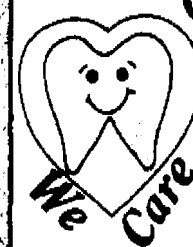
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MARCH 1997

First Day of Spring
Monday, March 24

THURS. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •PLAY GROUP meets @ Michelson Methodist Church, 2-3 pm. For more information call Joell Gabriel, 348-6389. •AMICARE HOME HEALTHCARE Community Bereavement support group meeting @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 3-5 pm. •TOPS MEETING @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. Call Mary Kay at 348-1398 for more information. •SUPPORT GROUP MEETING for Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome patients & families @ Mercy Hospital cafeteria, 7 pm. Call Laura @ 348-7423 for more information. •BEYOND THE GARDEN WALL CLUB @ Michelson Memorial Church, 7 pm. •GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY meeting @ Hanson Hills, 7 pm. •HS VAR FORENSICS DISTRICTS through April 8. •HS PLAY "Our Town", Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7:30 pm. •FIRST DAY OF SPRING.
FRI. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •HS PLAY "Our town" @ Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7:30 pm. •END OF THIRD MARKING PERIOD.
SAT. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •HS PLAY "Our town" @ Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7:30 pm. •COMMUNITY ED DINNER SHOW Travelogue "Song of Ireland" @ Holiday Inn.
SUN. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •MS SPIRIT WEEK through the 29th. •KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •SURVIVORS OF INCEST and sexual abuse support group @ New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information.
TUES. 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VIKING BAND BOOSTER'S MEETING @ MS Band room, 7 pm..
WED. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •REPORT CARDS SENT HOME for grades 3, 4 & 5. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. •GENERAL PARENTING EDUCATION & support group @ New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 pm. •ROTARY CLUB meeting @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •CARD PARTY @ St. John Lutheran Church, 12 noon.

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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee — 348-7017

Ron and Kay Wood of Beaver Creek have returned home following a vacation spent in the south. They left at Christmas and visited their son, Steve Wood and family in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Going on to San Antonio they visited a daughter and husband, Julie and Glen Dean. They spent January and February in Apache Junction and while there visited other friends, Barb and Bill Green, Walt and Mary Masinick and Dale and Doris Dosson. On their way home, they again stopped in Tulsa and in Indianapolis where they visited a high school friend of Kay.

Larry and Mo McNamara have returned from Gulf Shores, Alabama, where they spent three weeks enjoying warmer weather. They stopped enroute in Plymouth to visit daughter, Shannon and husband, Mike Verklan and granddaughter, Maddy. While in Gulf Shores, the McNamaras drove to Mustang Island, Texas, to visit Rita and Jim McClain. A guest of the

McNamaras was Karen Dean Farver of Clio who flew down to visit them for a week.

Riley McNamara of Woodale, Illinois, and his fiancée Stacey Arrigoni of Palatine were guests of Larry and Mo McNamara weekend before last. Also visiting Riley was his former college roommate, Pat Smith, and the two of them enjoyed some snowmobiling.

Dena Kolb returned home Saturday after a three week vacation in Phoenix. She and her mother-in-law, Grace Kolb of Grand Rapids, her sister-in-law and husband, Connie and John Huschilt of Windsor, Ontario flew to Phoenix. From there they drove to Tucson to do some sight-seeing and also drove up to Canyon de Chelly and the Grand Canyon before returning to Phoenix and flying home. Dena saw much evidence of the ice storm in the southern part of the state on her return to Grayling.

Another one of the Crawford County Avalanche employees is Ruth Doyle who is one of the friendly voices that you hear when calling the paper. She works several days a week and has been at the paper since last fall working as telephone receptionist and at the front counter. She is married to Steve Doyle and they have one son, Sean, 13. The Doyles have been residents of Grayling for several years.

Debbie and Dennis Huggard and daughter, Amanda of Freeland, spent the weekend visiting her mother and husband, Bea and Martin Tinker at their home near Frederic.

Susan Bateson and Diane Tompkins spent twelve days in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. They enjoyed the warm weather and the beach and also attended a Rotary meeting.

Lori Gust and friend, Randy Isor of Southfield visited her parents, Lary and Carole Gust weekend before last and enjoyed the skiing at Sylvan Knob.

The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Do You Like Jews?

"It's a free world. You don't have to like Jews if you don't want to, but if you are going to be an anti-Semite you should be consistent and turn your back on the medical advances that Jews made possible."

"I am talking about the vaccine for hepatitis discovered by Baruch Blumberg, the Wasserman test for syphilis developed by August Von Wasserman, and the first effective drug to fight syphilis developed by Paul Ehrlich. Bela Schick developed the diagnostic skin test for diphtheria. Insulin would not have been discovered if Oskar Minkowski had not demonstrated the link between diabetes and the pancreas. It was Burill Crohn who identified the disease that bears his name. Alfred Hess discovered that vitamin C could cure scurvy. Casimir Funk was the first to use B to treat beriberi. Albert Sabin and Jonas Salk developed the polio vaccine."

"Humanitarianism requires that we offer these gifts to all people of the world, regardless of race, color or creed. So the anti-Semites who don't want to accept these gifts can go ahead and turn them down, but I'm warning you, you aren't going to feel so good." (The above was copied from an Ann Landers column, written by Sam Levinson, and researched by David Gaus.)

God promised special blessings through the Jews "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice." (Genesis 22:18) The greatest blessing God gave us through the Jews is the Messiah. "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (5) To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." (Galatians 4:4-5) "For God so loved the world, that he

gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

God made all nations of one blood. (Acts 17:26) His second greatest commandment is for us to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Matthew 22:39) Christians worship a Jew everyday. His name is our Lord Jesus Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) True Christians cannot hate others, especially Jews!

Pastor "B"

"The Bible Speaks" is paid for by concerned Christians who support Grayling Calvary Baptist Church and who assume full responsibility for its content.

Foster grandparents needed

The Foster Grandparent Program needs senior citizens who would like to work with children. The love that seniors give through this program makes a big difference in the lives of many children.

Foster grandparents volunteer 20 hours per week working directly with children. They are paid a non-taxable stipend of \$2.45 per hour, transportation expenses are reimbursed and a daily meal is provided. The stipend is not considered income and will not affect social security, public assistance, subsidized housing or other such programs.

To be eligible for the program an applicant must be 60 years of age or older and have an income of less than \$9,675 for a household of one, or have an income of less than \$12,950 for a

household of two persons.

The program currently seeks volunteers in a variety of work settings in the Grayling area. Frederic Elementary School seeks foster grandparents to volunteer in their classrooms. Volunteers at the Crawford-AuSable Daycare spend their time with infants and toddlers. They comfort, rock, feed and play with the children with supervision by daycare staff.

Frederic Elementary uses foster grandparents with students from varied classrooms. Students benefit from tutoring assistance and from a loving, caring person to be available when others are busy. The love and time that a foster grandparent can give benefits these children with special needs. Foster grandparents may be involved in play activities, tutoring, craft activities and other areas of their interest that is helpful to the children.

Persons interested in volunteering for the Foster Grandparent Program can call 517-356-3474 Ext. 209, or write to: Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc., Foster Grandparent Program, 2373 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707.

Grayling woman turns 90

Local Grayling resident Angelina Willette celebrated her 90th birthday on March 15.

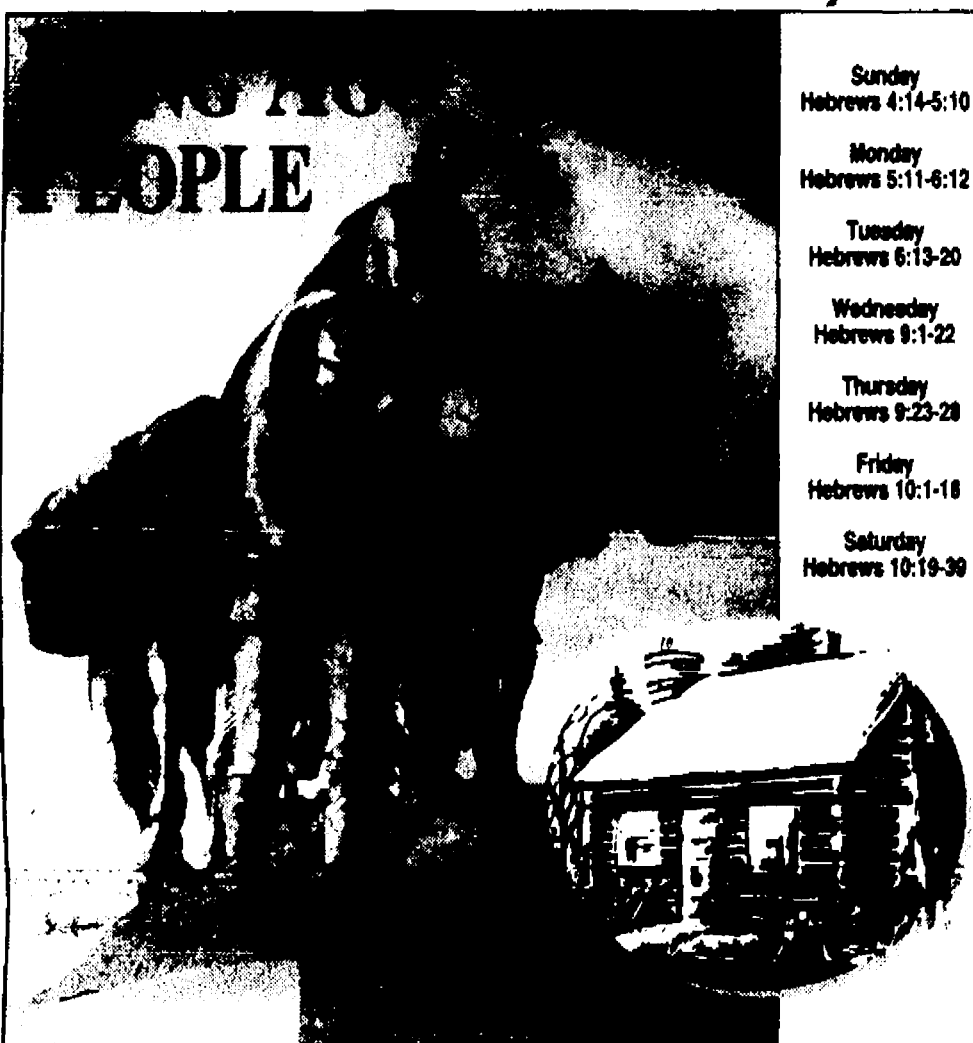
A family gathering of two sons, three daughters, respective spouses, 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, several relatives and other friends helped celebrate this momentous occasion for Angelina, with a dinner in Dearborn. Most of the family, relatives and friends reside in and around Garden City, South Lyons and surrounding area.

One daughter from Grayling and one daughter from Waters along with spouses, one son and family from Fort Worth, Texas, and one grandson from Tempe, Ariz. helped join in this occasion.

Angelina has three sisters older and one sister younger who are still living.

Angelina Willette is the mother of Joan Mattis, local business owner with husband Larry, of Larry & Joan's Place.

Church Directory



It happened while I was hiking in the mountains... suddenly I came into a clearing and saw the crumbling foundations of what had once meant shelter and protection for a pioneer family. Rugged mountains surrounded the decayed dwelling on three sides. But in front, opened a panorama across a valley which in all its beauty held me spellbound.

I turned and noticed a small, old-fashioned rose bush which seemed to reminisce with yesteryear beside the old house. I could feel the presence of those long-ago people. How they must have loved this place. The woman had tended flowers and vegetables here, had borne her babies and had helped her man carve a life from the wilderness.

What was their secret... these pioneer people? Where did they find the courage and confidence needed to face the deprivations and dangers of primitive living? God was their refuge and strength. Their love of Him illumined their lives, and goodness graced their days. God, in his greatness, is the source of all bounty and joy. They are yours for the asking.

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Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Peterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Strained
Phone 348-4445

Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Vealder, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm St., Gaylord
Sacrament 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Grayling Christian Fellowship
Pastor Leonard Hall
Full gospel, multi-cultural church
(517) 348-0149
Sunday 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Sherry McGuffin
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Wayne Horton
Corner of North Down River Rd and South Millikin Rd.
Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church
Robert W. Nalley, J.C.L., Pastor
702 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil 5 p.m. (Oct.-April)
Sunday Mass 7 p.m. (May-Sept.)

Sunday Mass 8 & 11 a.m. (Year-round)
9:15 a.m. (July-Aug.)
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing 9:30 a.m.
Daily Masses 9:30 a.m. Wednesday & Friday
Daily Worship

Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.
Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patty Petrie, 348-8314
Holiday Inn, Grayling
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awaits Club (Wed) 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd
275-8613
Sunday Classes 10:30 & 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m. & 12 noon
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Service 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Stadler
211 Shellenbarger St.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Coffey
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue
(517) 348-2557
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Family Training Hour and Prayer, Wednesday 7 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Courney
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran - Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor
905 North I-75 Business Loop
348-5921 or 348-6504
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday Weekday School 5 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Men's Promise Keepers Study 7 p.m.

St. Francis' Episcopal
Rev. Robert Henley
M-72 West-Office 348-5850
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.
(The second Sunday of each month)
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday nursery provided 10:30 a.m.
Adult Choir Practice (Monday) 6 p.m.

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Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., 510 South St., Roscommon, MI

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Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
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Sportsplex hits drawing board

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The steering committee for the proposed recreation center/sportsplex in Crawford County has retained an architect to handle the preliminary steps for the project.

David Rietschleger, an architect from Houghton Lake, will begin the preliminary drawings for the group, so information concerning the sportsplex can be distributed to Crawford County residents.

The steering committee met on Tuesday, March 11, to discuss the project with the architect. The group made the decision to retain the architect at this meeting.

The concept of the large recreation center is to have an ice rink, all-purpose gymnasium, a recreation swimming pool, a wading pool, a conference room and a walking area. Other possibilities include a weight room, pro shop, day care center and racquet ball courts.

The estimated \$6 million facility is being planned to be put on a special election ballot this year. A portion of the millage, if passed, would go toward building the facility and the other portion would go toward operating the sportsplex.

Rietschleger, who was the architect for the Otsego County Sportsplex, told the steering committee that his architecture firm would be willing to do initial drawings for the Crawford County structure without sending a bill until a later date.

In a case, such as this, where a citizen's group is attempting to work on a project like this, Rietschleger said his firm would do the preliminary drawings if the group would have a letter of agreement to use Rietschleger's firm throughout the project, if the millage passes.

The steering committee agreed, and Rietschleger will begin preliminary drawings for the project, which he will share with the group at a future meeting for committee members' suggestions.

The \$6 million price tag the steering committee was estimating for the project was agreed upon by Rietschleger. The architect said \$6 million is a good ball park figure for the items the group would like included in the facility. He said the prices have not gone up very much since the Otsego County Sportsplex was built at a cost of approximately \$4.8 million. One item the Crawford County group would like in their facility that Otsego's does not have is the gymnasium.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Grayling's would be much, much better than Gaylord's," Rietschleger said. "You learn from people's successes and failures with each sportsplex that is completed."

Rietschleger called the recent increase in the number of sportsplexes in the northern Michigan area a "phenomenon." He said that just "off the top of his head" he could think of 11 towns that are building, looking into, or have built a sportsplex recently.

One interesting connection Rietschleger made about the 11 areas was that each of them is within about a 75-mile radius of the Grayling/Crawford County area. He explained that a Crawford County sportsplex could be a gathering area for all of them for events.

Except for taxes, Michigan's a great state for small business

When asked to name the most positive and negative aspects of doing business in Michigan, small employers said Michigan is a great place to sell goods and services, but business taxes are still too high, according to a survey jointly sponsored by the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM) and the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network.

The survey, called the Small Business Barometer, every four months uses telephone interviews of 200 small business owners to track shifts in Michigan's business climate and in attitudes on political and public policy issues. The surveys are conducted by Public Policy Associates, a Lansing-based research firm. For this Barometer — the 13th edition — interviews were conducted from Jan. 10-23.

In previous Barometer surveys, the number one response on the most positive aspect of doing business in the state was often "a large, educated work force." But that fell to second



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photo by Lisa Hoffman

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

Question: We are a young family with one child and another one on the way. Although my husband works full-time, we have trouble making ends meet. I have been told that a lot of the Health Department programs are directed toward young families. How can I find out more about them?

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your questions on pregnancy, diet, childbirth, and baby care all during your pregnancy and for eight weeks after delivery. The program offers assistance with transportation and childbirth education expenses. Pregnant women on Medicaid are eligible for this service.

Mich-Care — An insurance program that pays for the uninsured pregnant woman's prenatal care, delivery, hospital costs, lab expenses, prenatal vitamins, etc. Since the income guidelines for this program are not very restrictive, many pregnant women in this area, who are not already on Medicaid, are eligible for Mich-Care and maternal support services.

WIC — a special supplemental food program for pregnant and nursing women, infants up to age one, and children one-to-five years of age with special nutritional needs. WIC provides free nutritious foods to all

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EPSDT — a special screening program that provides vision and hearing tests, blood tests, physical and developmental assessments, and immunizations. There is no cost to participants. Medicaid recipients under the age of 21 are eligible.

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Flooding, erosion could occur with rising water levels

Property owners in flood-prone areas should consider buying flood insurance for structures and contents, state officials urged on March 11.

Great Lakes water levels are rising, increasing the danger of flooding and erosion to shoreline property, according to officials with the Department of Environmental Quality and Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division.

The potential for flooding on inland lakes, rivers and streams also is very high and may remain serious for the next several weeks, depending on the spring weather.

"People living in low-lying areas should pay attention to weather reports, consider purchasing flood insurance, and establish an emergency action plan to prepare for the possibility of a flood," DEQ Director Russell Harding said.

Homeowners policies do not include flooding, but coverage from the

National Flood Insurance Program is available through local agents. Communities must participate in the NFIP before insurance is available, and a new policy does not become effective for 30 days.

NFIP does not cover erosion losses in most cases.

Lake Superior is seven inches above levels of one year ago, according to a comparison of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration records and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers information for Feb. 28.

Lakes Michigan and Huron are 18 inches higher, and lakes Erie and St. Clair are 20 inches higher than one year ago.

These levels are below the records for February by five inches on Lake Superior, 10 inches for lakes Michigan and Huron, nine inches for Lake St. Clair, and seven inches for Lake Erie.

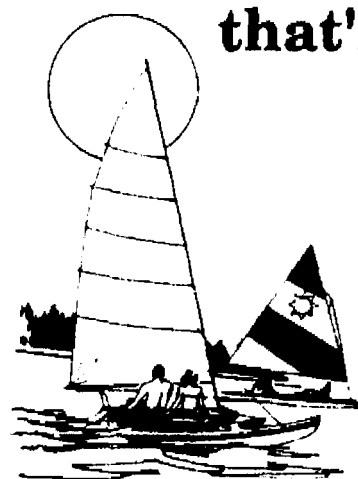
The DEQ and Michigan State Police believe there is increased potential for flooding of low-lying areas and erosion of beaches, bluffs and dunes as the ice cover melts. Spring storms could further increase the potential for property damage.

Property owners should be alert to these conditions and determine whether any action is necessary.

Questions regarding flooding can be directed to George Hosek of the DEQ at (517) 335-3182 or local emergency management offices. Questions on shoreline erosion can be directed to the DEQ's Tom Bennett at (517) 335-4209 or Penny Holt at (517) 373-1952.

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Parapros hired for elementary schools

It was announced at Monday night's Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting that four people had been hired into two hour paraprofessional jobs at Frederic Elementary and Grayling Elementary schools.

Lenora Beckett and Edith Flicker were hired into positions at Frederic Elementary School.

Marie Parrott-Watt and Christi Lobsinger were hired into positions at Grayling Elementary School.

City, county law officers work together

Although the Crawford County Sheriff's Office and Grayling City Police Department are separate law enforcement units, the two departments do work together when a case calls for such action.

On a weekly basis, there are instances in the sheriff's office log of cases handled where officers from both departments work together to handle criminal activity.

One of the incidents where an officer from one department helped the other incident recently occurred, and the

result was a positive outcome. A Grayling City patrolman, Dennis Long, who was involved in the safe closure to a near-hostage situation, has been recognized by the Grayling City Council and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for his actions.

The assault incident in question happened on Feb. 11. A Grayling man was eventually arrested by sheriff's deputies and city police officers on Feb. 12. The suspect, Kirk Connell, 31, of Grayling, was charged with assault with intent to murder.

The city council members directed City Manager Jerry Morford at their Feb. 24 meeting to write a letter to Long in recognition of outstanding achievement in the near-hostage situation.

Sheriff David Lovely also sent a letter of appreciation to the city police department and city council in regards to Long's efforts in the incident.

Long responded to the domestic assault call and while at the neighbor's house gave assistance to the victim by reassuring her and calling for medical attention, Lovely stated in his letter. Long also eliminated any further violence by stopping the children of the victim from returning to the suspect, after the children were sent by the suspect to tell the victim to return or else.

Communications also were set up via telephone to the suspect's residence. Long attempted to negotiate the release of another child from the residence. Lovely's letter read.

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Middle school gears up for the circus

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Students and staff at the Grayling Middle School are preparing for their annual Spirit Week with activities planned for March 20-27.

This year's Spirit Week theme is the circus. A student activity night on March 20 will open up the festivities. The activity night will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. with a dance, gym activities, game room and refreshments.

The Viking Time competitions are Monday, March 24 - **Name that Staff Member**. Staff members will be giving clues and the middle school students must figure out the staff member that the clue corresponds to.

On Tuesday, March 25 - **Heap of Sharing Day** will take place. Stu-

dents should bring in canned goods and paper products. The class which brings in the most, wins.

Name that Tune will take place Wednesday, March 26. Students will have to guess which song is being played.

On Thursday, March 27 **Penny Day** will occur. Students need to bring in as many pennies as they can. Last year students brought in over 24,000 pennies.

The spirit week clothing competition will be kicked off on Thursday, March 20 with **Hippy Day**. Prizes will be awarded to the top three hippies.

The other clothing days will be **Mismatch Day** (Monday), **Clown Day** (Tuesday), **Shorts, Shades and Sandals Day** (Wednesday) and **Green and White Day** (Thursday).

All proceeds raised during spirit week will benefit the GMS media center.

Spirit Week will wrap up on Thursday, March 27 with a school-wide assembly beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Forest workshop to be held in Kalkaska

Logging contractors, foresters and landowners should plan on attending the upcoming SFE Workshop. This is a program designed to help these persons learn more about forest ecology, best management practices, silvicultural and safety in the woods.

The workshop will be held in Kalkaska on March 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kalkaska Civic Center located on Civic Center Drive, off of M-72 in Kalkaska. There is no cost for attending this training session.

To register, contact Tom Barnes at the Crawford County MSU Extension office at 517-348-2844 ext. 263. If no one is available to take the registration, please leave a name and phone number for each person who would like to attend.



FIVE GENERATIONS — Scott Czuba and his family being home for the holidays enabled this five generation picture to be taken. In the back, from left, are: Scott Czuba, father; Arlene Czuba; great-grandmother; Dale Czuba, grandfather; (front) great-grandparents Alice and Howard Albers, with Bailey Czuba, great-granddaughter.

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Frederic supports land purchase

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Frederic Township board continues to push forward in getting the information and solving the feasibility issue in regard to the proposed large race-track facility in Crawford County.

Two of the three sites being looked at by the developers and local race-track task force are located in Frederic Township. When the Crawford County Board of Commissioners invited Phil Parmelee — the lead project promoter — back to the county, it was stated in the motion that Parmelee should meet with the Frederic Township board and/or the task force.

The Frederic Township board members voted at their March 11 meeting in favor of supporting Parmelee's attempt to purchase state land for the motor sport/entertainment complex.

The proposed race-track complex would feature three race tracks — a drag strip, road course and an oval, more than 100,000 person seating capacity, concessions and other items.

The purchasing of state land for the proposed multiple race-track facility is one of the biggest steps in having the proposed complex become a reality. Parmelee originally took his proposed Edges Project to Kalkaska County, but he was unable to get the Department of Natural Resources to release the land so he could purchase it.

Frederic Township began to take a role in the race for the track facility at its February board meeting. At that meeting the board members approved a motion that supported the concept of the race-track project.

The motion also referred to having an in-depth look into a Frederic Township location completed. The three possible sites being looked at in

Crawford County are along County Road 612 near I-75 in Frederic Township, north of the Grayling High School on Old-27 in Frederic Township, and near Fletcher Road in Beaver Creek Township.

In other Frederic Township business, the board members discussed the issue of recreation in the township now that the Crawford County Recreation Plan has been adopted.

The board decided on a number-one priority for township recreation, said Frederic Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert. The township would like to have a covered pavilion.

The pavilion would be over the township tennis courts to make it a multiple-use facility, Hulbert said. The township already uses this area as an ice rink in the winter.

Hulbert pointed out that the township needs to move quickly in this matter, because Department of Natural Resource grant requests have to be in by April.

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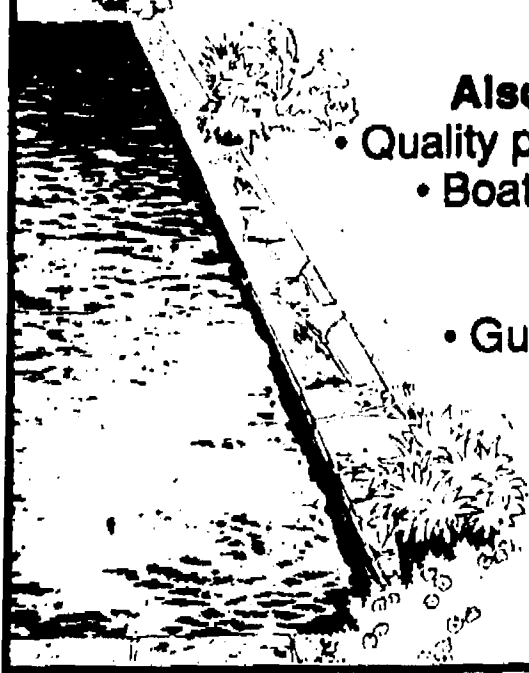
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Record number of children adopted in 1996

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

According to a recently released Family Independence Agency newsletter, a record number of children were placed in adoptive homes during fiscal year 1996.

This was the first time in history that more than 2,000 children were adopted in Michigan in a single year.

On Dec. 30, Governor John Engler announced that 2,189 state wards were placed in adoptive homes, an 18 percent increase over the previous year. During fiscal year 1995 there were 1,860 adoptive placements.

The largest increases in adoptions were in the 6- to 9-year-old age group. This group comprised 31.3 percent of all adoptions.

Another group, African-American children, comprised 53 percent of all adoptions.

Although the number of adoptions is up, there is still a need for children to be adopted.

There are currently 40,000 to 50,000 children in the United States with special needs who need permanent homes.

Adoption is defined as the permanent, legal transfer of all parental rights from one person or couple to another person or couple.

State laws vary when it comes to answering the question of who may adopt. However, there are a few guidelines. Most agencies are looking for parents who are under age 40, married at least three years, financially secure and healthy.

Adoption in the 1990s focuses largely on children who have "special needs". They are children, who at one time, were thought to be difficult to place or even unadoptable.

These waiting children may fall into one or more of the following groups - minority children; children who have emotional, learning or physical impairments; children who must be placed in the same home along with their brothers and sisters; and older children over the age of five.

Many of them who wait for families have physical, emotional or mental disabilities. Some are mentally retarded.

Some have been sexually abused. Some have been prenatally exposed to drugs or alcohol or test positive for AIDS. There are children who are school-age or older and there are sibling groups that have to be adopted together.

Many of these children live in foster homes or institutions while they wait for permanent families.

The search for a child begins at the agency level. A prospective adopter can contact an adoption agency and express an interest in adopting a child with special needs.

Many agencies keep photo-listing books with photographs and brief descriptions of available children.

Prospective adopters can peruse the books to learn more about the kinds of children who are waiting and perhaps locate a child to adopt.

The Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE) provides a monthly photolistening book of waiting Michigan children and of Michigan families interested in adopting children with

special needs.

Access to the MARE book is available through adoption agencies and most libraries statewide.

In most cases, a home study is required to adopt a child. A home study is not just a visit to the home of people who want to adopt to see if it is clean and neat. Much more information is gathered to make sure the people hoping to adopt are ready for parenthood. The home study is also designed to help them understand how to become good parents.

There is no set format that adoption agencies use to conduct their home studies.

The social worker conducting the home study will make sure the adopting family can afford to parent a child. In most cases, the adopting parents must also get a complete physical examination to make sure they are healthy enough to become parents.

The social worker also will examine more practical considerations. Where will the child sleep? Is the home safe? Will the home be "child-proofed?"

The home study is also an educational experience and an opportunity for prospective parents to learn about important adoption issues.

If the family plans to adopt an older child or children, they will learn about behavior that may be displayed by children who have been abused or neglected. The adoptive parents will receive suggestions on effective parenting.

There will probably be several interviews, perhaps one or two in the agency office and at least one in the home.

The social worker will not be visiting the home to conduct a white glove inspection. They will simply be determining if the adopted child or children will be entering into a safe and healthy environment.

The social worker will also determine if the adoptive parents have thought ahead as to how they will accommodate the new family member.

The social worker will want to see the child's bedroom and all the other areas of the house or apartment, including the basement and backyard.

Some tips for the home study are as follows: do offer the social worker a soft drink or a cup of coffee. This gesture will show the social worker that the family is nurturing. Do have family photos around. This shows the adoptive parents are family oriented. Do not clean the entire house or apartment from top to bottom, unless that is the level of housekeeping that is always maintained.

A certain level of cleanliness is necessary, but lived-in family clutter is expected. Most social workers would worry that people living in a picture perfect home would have a difficult time adjusting to the clutter that a child brings to a household.

During the home study portion of the adoption process, it is very important for the adoptive parents to be honest, be themselves and present a true picture of the family history and family functioning.

If the adoptive parents had a difficult childhood, experienced financial problems, quit a job in anger or have some other skeleton in the closet that they think might disqualify them, chances are if they discuss it openly with the social worker it will not present a problem.

Flexibility and a sense of humor are needed when raising a child in this day and age.

If the adoptive parents are willing to take off an hour early from their job to meet with the social worker or modify their schedule in some other way to make the meeting arrangements flow smoothly, the effort will not go unnoticed.

The home study portion of the adoption process can take from six months to one year to complete if delays arise.

Illness, vacation or waiting for documentation to arrive can prolong the home study. An average of two to three months is usual, not counting the time allotted to group meetings that adoptive parents are generally required to attend.

In general, the group sessions cover topics such as parenting skills, the pros and cons of adoption, ways to introduce extended family to adoption and ways to help the child adjust to his or her new family.

A public agency does not usually charge a fee for a home study, because the program is funded through state and federal taxes. However, be sure to discuss fees thoroughly and obtain the fee schedule in writing so there are no misunderstandings.

Remember, even though an adoption home study may seem invasive or lengthy, it is conducted to prepare the family for adoption and help them decide whether adoption is the best option for the family.

Another part of the adoption process is the autobiographical statement which is essentially the story of your life.

The adoptive parents may be asked to describe who reared them and their style of child rearing, how many brothers and sisters they have and where they are in the birth order.

The autobiographical statement is designed to answer many questions. "Were you close to your parents and siblings when you were a child, are you close now, how much contact do you have with them? What are some successes or failures that you have experienced? What educational level have you reached? Do you plan to further your education? Are you happy with your educational attainments? What do you think about education for a child? What is your employment status and your employment history? Do you have plans to change employment? Do you like your current job?"

If the adoptive parents are married, there will be questions about the marriage. These questions will answer "how you met, how long you dated before you married, how long you have been married, what attracted you to each other, what your spouse's strengths and weaknesses are and the issues on which you agree and disagree in your marriage."

Other questions may inquire how the family makes decisions, solves problems, settles arguments, communicates, expresses feelings and shows affection.

If the adoptive parent is single, there will be questions about the parent's social life and how they anticipate integrating a child into it.

In the autobiographical statement you will probably describe their ordinary routines, such as their typical weekday or weekend, their hobbies and interests and their leisure time activities.

They may also describe their plans for child care if they work outside the home. There will be questions that cover their experiences with children, relatives' children, neighbors, volunteer work, babysitting, teaching or coaching.

The adoptive parents might be asked some "what if" questions regarding discipline or other parenting issues.

They will probably be asked about their neighborhood. How friendly are you with your neighbors? What kind of people live nearby? Is it a safe area? Why did you pick this neighborhood? Are you located conveniently to community resources, such as medical facilities, recreational facilities, shopping areas and religious facilities?

They will probably be asked about religion. Their level of religious practice and what kind of religious upbringing, if any, they will give to the child?

There may be a section on specific adoption-related issues, including questions such as why do the adoptive parents want to adopt, what kind of child do they feel they can best parent and why. How will they tell the child he or she is adopted and when will they tell the child?

They may not know the answers right away, but hopefully the social worker guiding them through the home study process will offer advice on describing these various topics.

Most agencies require a physical exam of prospective adoptive parents, or at least a current tuberculosis test. Others just want to know that the adoptive parents are essentially healthy, have a normal life expectancy and are able to physically and emotionally handle the care of a child.

A serious health problem that affects life expectancy may prevent approval.

Many states are requiring that criminal record and child abuse record clearances be conducted on all adoptive parent applicants.

A felony conviction, or any charge involving children or illegal substances, would most likely not be tolerated.

Usually adoptive parents are asked to verify their income by providing a copy of their paycheck stub, a copy of a W-4 form or an income tax form.

Adoptive parents do not have to be wealthy to adopt, but the agency will want to determine that the child will be entering a family that manages its finances responsibly and adequately. The agency will probably ask you

for the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three or four individuals to serve as references for the adoptive parents.

Approval would rarely be denied on the grounds of a negative reference alone. However, if it were one of several negative factors or if several of the references were negative, the agency may not approve the application.

The regulations serve to protect the best interest of the child and to ensure he or she is placed in a loving, caring, healthy and safe environment.

While agencies differ in their requirements, most consider both single and married applicants for these children.

Those who apply need not own their homes, be experienced parents or have separate bedrooms for each child, because children of the same sex can share a bedroom.

Most adoptions (approximately 90 percent) are happy and successful. The adoptions that do not work out often involve children who have serious behavior problems because of trauma they suffered earlier in life.

Adopting a child can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. However, the adoption process can be emotionally trying, time consuming and frustrating.

Abuse can leave physical and emotional scars. It is important to discuss all aspects of a child's history with the agency social workers and to discuss the availability of counseling or other services, just in case they might be needed, before deciding to adopt such a child.

Adopting a child always requires a waiting period.

If you want to adopt a child with special needs, you can begin to review photolists immediately to identify appropriate children.

For any type of adoption, even after a child is found, you may have to wait weeks or months while final arrangements are made.

After a child is placed with you, you must fulfill the legal requirements for adoption. Hiring an attorney may be necessary at this time, if you have not already retained one.

Usually a child lives with the adoptive family for at least six months before the adoption is finalized legally, although this period varies according to state law and the conditions of the child and family.

Congressman Dave Camp (R-Midland) recently praised President Bill Clinton for helping to make adoption reform a national priority and urged the president to support Camp's plan to streamline the adoption process.

Camp stated the primary barriers to adoption are not caused by lack of funding, but problems in the system that prevent children from finding adoptive homes.

Camp's adoption reform plan would do the following: requires states -- through specific language -- to more aggressively pursue adoption efforts when a child has been abandoned, tortured, severely abused, severely sexually abused or had a sibling murdered by a parent; closes legal loopholes that may lead to a child's return to a dangerous home; speeds up the adoption hearing process from 18 to 12 months to shorten the amount of time a child spends in foster care.

"While waiting in foster care many children risk being returned to an abusive home while a safe, permanent home waits in the wings," Camp said.

"Too often a child's best interests are abandoned during long stays in multiple foster homes while courts and welfare agencies drag their feet," said Camp. "This legislation would help children lead better lives and build stronger families. I look forward to having the president's support as we work to make the adoption process more compassionate toward our country's kids."

Camp introduced this bill Feb. 27. "The primary goal of the adoption process should be to meet the needs of the child," said Camp. "Along every step of the way, we should keep the child's health and safety in mind. By cutting the red tape and removing legal barriers to permanent adoption, we make the child's safety and well-being our number one priority."

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Joe Murphy wrote a poem for him which was read at the gathering. The poem called "Built To Last," read: Ninety years ago this very day, a child was born there in the past, a child made of first class material, a child that was built to last. We gather today to honor that child, and the things we owe him for. For he is a man we are proud to know, a man whose word was true and sure. At one time he managed our city, doing a real fine job of it, too. For he is a man who had a lot to give that was something we all knew. He has lived through two world wars, took all of life's strain and strife, known



George Granger

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Nation's largest free tree giveaway begins

Ecology Crossroad's Arbor Day (SM) Program is enlisting the help of country music star Billy Dean, rock legend Ted Nugent, children's recording artist David Grover and others to promote a nationwide tree giveaway. The program coincides with the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day next month.

Everyone is eligible to participate and membership is not required or solicited. Homeowners, community organizations, city governments and over 1,000 public schools are among the participants already enrolled to take advantage of this environmentally friendly freebie.

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Register for trees by visiting the KIH online provided web site at <http://www.freetrees.org>, by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Free Trees, Box 231, Berea, Kentucky 40403, or by obtaining a coupon from a participating True Value Hardware Store.

Industrial business completes \$2 million expansion

A new machine, enlarged building, new building, computer upgrade and other new equipment are all part of a \$2 million expansion recently completed by Custom Forest Products, Inc. in Grayling.

The large expansion at the local business located at the end of Industrial Drive also created 25 new jobs, and

more new positions may be on the way.

Although the business involves a number of different wood products, the two main products made by Custom Forest Products are venetian blinds and wood shutters. The expansion will help business in both areas, as the warehouse space and a new, state-of-

the-art UV machine line have been added.

The increase in warehouse space will provide the company with more room to hold more of the common products ordered by places across the United States. Business officials said the orders can be filled more quickly, due to the increase in warehouse

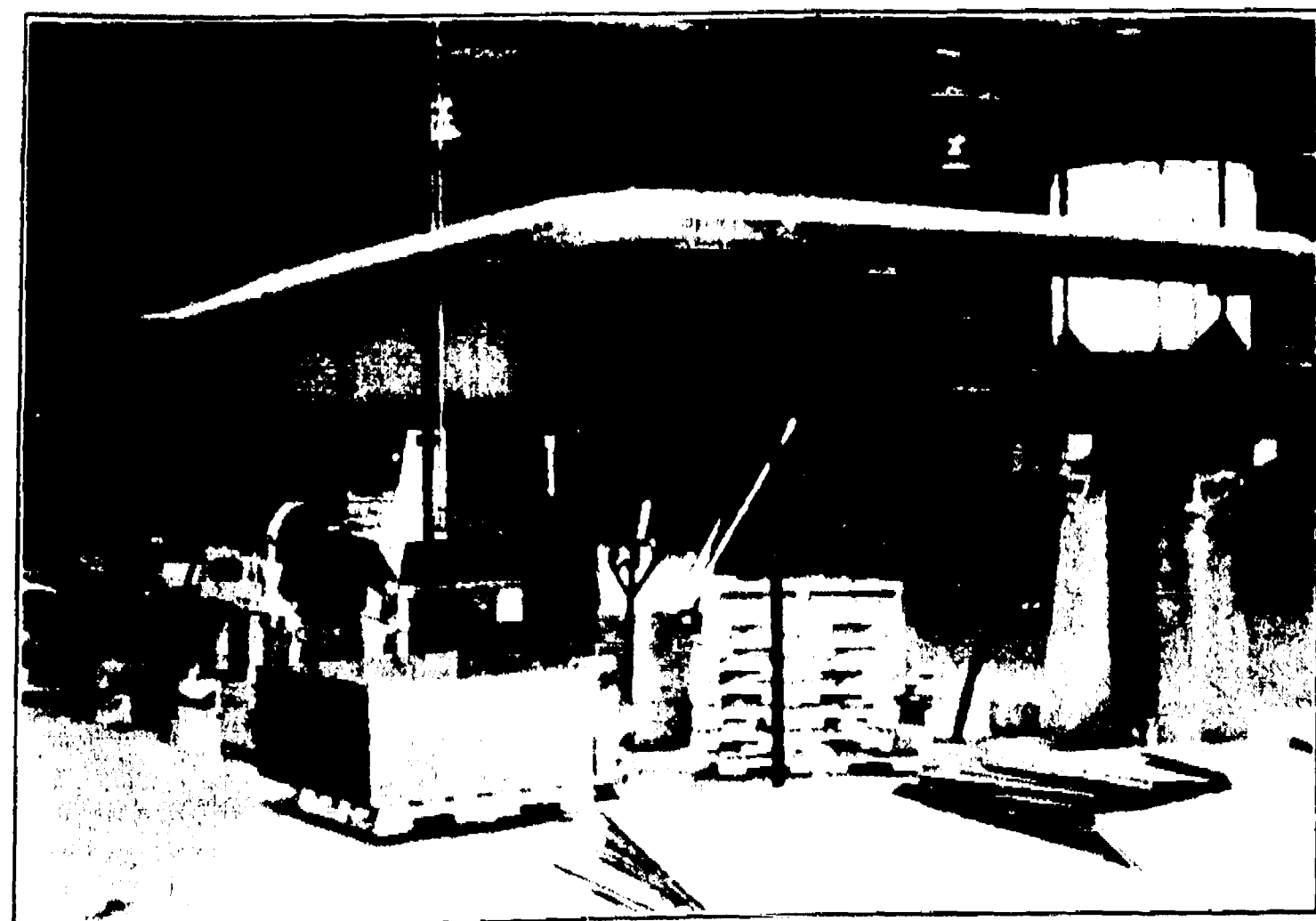
capability.

The Grayling business used to just make the product and ship them out. The product would be handled by three or more different places to put primer and other things on to the blind or shutter. The new UV putty and prime line will cut down on the number of places that will have to handle the product.

The UV machine will put the initial coat on the blinds, said Todd Gabriel, Custom Forest Products vice president, and Tim Neff, treasurer. This will lead to less handling of the product once it is shipped out of the Grayling location.

The new line is called a UV machine because the paint is dried by ultra violet light. According to Neff and Gabriel, the new UV technology is used in a lot of industries, but has just started being used with wood products.

Custom Forest Products has hired approximately 25 new hourly employees since the expansion began. According to Neff and Gabriel, the total of new employees will reach 45 to 50 when the new UV line has been perfected.



NEW LINE — Custom Forest Products completed a \$2 million expansion. This new UV putty and prime line is new to the Grayling business. The UV machine dries the paint by using ultra violet light.

MILITARY NEWS

Jill Love

Jill I. Love entered the United States Air Force on Feb. 26, according to SSgt. Todd Bulmer in East Texas.

Upon graduation from six weeks at the Basic Military Training course at Lackland, Texas, she will receive technical training as a Precision Measurement Equipment Lab Apprentice and be assigned to an Air Force duty station.

Love is a 1996 graduate of Grayling High School and resided in Grayling.

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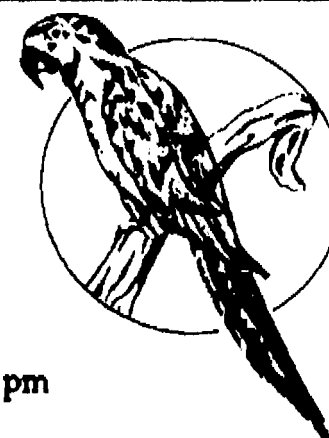
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RECREATION HELP — A photo program has helped the Grayling Youth Booster Club raise funds. Pictured, from left, are: Donna Schnoor, photo technician; Larry McNamara, business owner; John Alef, Booster Club member; and June Karjalainen, photo technician.

Pictures provide fund raiser for area youth

Mac's Drug Store, through their photo department, has helped the Grayling Youth Booster Club develop a fund-raising program to benefit youth recreation activities within the community. With booster club members shooting the film and Mac's Drugs developing the pictures, excess funds are donated back to the youth organizations. Donna Schnoor and June Karjalainen, Mac's Drugs photo technicians, have developed many photographs for area youth and provided assistance in the picture-taking process to booster club members. Larry McNamara, owner of Mac's Drugs, donates a percentage of

the film and developing costs to the booster Club. This donation and excess revenue is then given to the organizations participating in the program.

Through this program, funds in excess of \$3,000 have been raised for youth organizations in the past two years. Participating organizations to date have included Grayling Little League, Grayling Redskins Football, Grayling Youth Bowling Association, and the GRA Soccer and Basketball programs. Youth organizations interested in being part of this program can contact Booster Club President Doug Hinkle at 348-5214 for details.

MILITARY NEWS

Christopher Steckling

Navy Seaman Christopher R. Steckling, a 1992 graduate of Roscommon High School of Roscommon, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Steckling completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Steckling and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values — honor, courage and commitment — and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Steckling joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy, just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Steckling and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Steckling are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training. Those interested in details in a career in the Navy can call 1-800-USA-NAVY or visit the internet at www.Navyjobs.com.

Grant offers funding for potential Little Leaguers

If you are interested in playing baseball or softball, as offered through the Grayling Little League, but you are concerned that you can't afford the cost of the sign up fee, this message is for you.

A grant, provided from the Crawford County Family Coordinating Counsel, has allowed AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau to create a funding program called the Youth Recreation Assistance Program.

If persons are of school age, a Crawford County resident, and currently qualify for a free or reduced lunch at

school, they qualify for financial assistance through this program. To have fees paid by the Youth Recreation Assistance Program, have a parent or legal guardian stop by the Youth Service Bureau office on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. and fill out the application form. In most cases, approval can be made at the time of application.

The Youth Service Bureau office is located in the Human Resource Center across the parking lot from the St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West.

Little League tryouts set

The Grayling Little League will be holding tryouts at the Grayling High School gym on March 23 for prospective Little Leaguers.

The tryouts will run according to the

following schedule:

Nine- and 10-year-old Major and Major/Minor League Baseball at 6 p.m.; 11- and 12-year-old Major League Baseball at 7 p.m.; and 13-, 14-, and 15-year-old Senior League Baseball at 8 p.m.

Children seven- and eight-years old and girl softball players do not have tryouts. Early registrations can still be turned in at Sylvestors of Grayling until March 22 or to league officials at the tryouts on March 23. Early registration fees are \$25 per player or \$50 per family.

Late registrations after the tryouts will be accepted from March 24 to April 20 at Sylvestors. Players not attending the tryouts will still be eligible to be placed on a team during draft night on April 20. Late registration fees are \$35 per player and/or \$60 per family.

Persons having questions regarding the Little League may contact Player Agent Diane Tobin at 517-348-5361 or Little League President Tom Haskel at 517-348-8722.

Choirs do well at competition

The Grayling High School choir recently competed and earned a II rating in the sight reading portion. The choir earned an overall rating of I.

The Grayling Middle School choir competed for the first year ever recently.

The choir received a I rating in the sight reading portion of the competition, but received an overall rating of II.

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Bids accepted for shop items

At Monday night's Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education meeting five bids for Grayling High School shop items were accepted.

The bids accepted are as follows:

Milling Machine - Dave Whitchee \$350; Metal Lathes - John Rolfe \$760; Drill Press - Deane Systems \$600; Welders - William Wright \$75; and Spot Welder - Doug Strelchuk \$65.

MILITARY NEWS

Nathan Weaver

Nathan O. Weaver has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Petoskey.

The program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty. Weaver, a senior at Grayling High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for military basic training July 10.

He is the son of Steve O. and Elizabeth A. Weaver of Frederic.

OBITUARIES

Fern Failing

Fern I. Failing, 82, of Roscommon, died March 14, 1997, at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center in Roscommon.

She was born in Grayling on April 26, 1914, to Paul and Emma (LaMotte) Lovely, and lived in the Grayling-Roscommon area for her entire life.

Mrs. Failing was married in Grayling on April 18, 1931 to Rolla M. Failing. She was a homemaker; a member of St. Michael Church in Roscommon; and a former member of St. Mary's Church in Grayling.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Rolla in 1991, and son Lloyd in 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Joanne and husband Carlton Mead of Roscommon, and Linda and husband Fred Slocum of Lawton; three brothers, Roy and wife Missouri Lovely of Grayling, Leo and wife Edith Lovely of Grayling, and Paul Lovely of Sanford; two sisters, Nina Doremire and Ruth Golnick both of Grayling; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 17, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Roscommon. Fr. John E. McCracken officiated. Arrangements were made by Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon. Burial was in Higgins Cemetery in Roscommon.

Joseph Robinson

Joseph W. Robinson, 70, of Frederic, died at his residence on March 12, 1997.

He was born in Charlotte on July 15, 1926, to Maggie and Emory Sloan.

Mr. Robinson was a resident of Frederic for 23 years, and was also a prior resident of Grayling and Lewiston. He was a self-employed maintenance worker.

Preceding him in death were his granddaughter, Esther Poll, and his parents.

Surviving are his wife, Emily "Peggy" L. Robinson of Frederic; seven daughters: Betty Rose Robinson of Phoenix, Ariz., Mary and husband Mike Everson of Grayling, Betty Gardner of Grayling, Bonnie Poll of Grayling, Norma Small of Flint, Winnie Gilligan of Ohio, and Patty Carson of Ohio; two sons: Herbert Rinner of Walled Lake and Ed Elliott of Grayling; 40 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Friday, March 14, at 3 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling. Reverend Dale Hammond officiated.

Vina Walker

Vina M. Walker, 70, of Grayling, died at Mercy Hospital in Grayling on Monday, March 17, 1997.

She was born in Greenup, Kentucky, on May 19, 1926, to William and Annabelle (Brown) Jessie. Both parents are deceased.

Mrs. Walker was a Grayling resident for 40 years; she moved here from Johannesburg. She was employed as a caregiver in the foster care business. Mrs. Walker attended the Grayling Assembly of God Church, where she was a lay-minister.

Surviving are four daughters, Evelyn and Robert Davis of Grayling, Geneva and Lyle Canfield of Houghton Lake, Bethanna Lou Davis and Dan Canfield of Grayling, Ellen and Frank Dine of Kingsley; brother Freeman Fraley of Mount Pleasant; sister-in-law Eva Fraley of Vanderbilt; 25 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel in Grayling. Rev. J. Douglas Patterson will officiate. Interment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Otsego County in the spring.

Audrey Diener

Audrey M. Diener, 75, of Beaver Creek, died March 15, 1997, at her son's residence in Eastpointe.

She was born in Detroit on Sept. 29, 1921, to Jack and Melva Woelfle.

Mrs. Diener served in the Navy during WWII and was a retired secretary for Chrysler Corporation. She moved to Beaver Creek 19 years ago from Eastpointe.

Preceding her in death was her parents, and her husband, Harold O. "Jack" Diener, in 1994.

Surviving are sons, Gary Gordon of Eastpointe and Thomas and wife Theresa Gordon of Warren; daughter Carol Ann Day of Palmdale, Calif.; stepdaughters, Susan and husband Ronald Buttery of Eastpointe, Mary and husband Klaus Doll of St. Clair Shores; stepson William and wife Louise Diener of Warren; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, March 21, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling. Reverend Robert W. Nalley will be officiating. Interment of ashes will be in Beaver Creek Cemetery in the spring. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel of Grayling.

Memorials to Michigan Home Health Care are suggested by her family.

Michael LaBean

Michael S. LaBean, 44, of South Branch Township, Roscommon, died at his home on Tuesday, March 18, 1997.

He was born in Clawson on April 25, 1952, to Benjamin Samuel LaBean and Peggy Sue Hickman. He had resided in the Roscommon area for 26 years, coming from Clawson. His father preceded him in death.

Mr. LaBean was employed as a truck driver.

On Feb. 22, 1997, he married Elaine T. (Mills) LaBean in South Branch Township.

Surviving are his wife, Elaine; three children, Heather LaBean of Roscommon, Michael and wife Bridget LaBean of Ft. Dix, New Jersey, and Nicholas LaBean of Deltona, Fla.; two step-daughters, Stephanie Sachjen of Jackson and Melissa Mills of Vernon, Ill.; two grandchildren; mother, Peggy Sue Brothers of Wayne; four brothers, Larry LaBean of Roscommon, Bob and wife Sherry LaBean of Fostoria, Terry and wife Jackie LaBean of Royal Oak, and Dave and wife Amelia LaBean of Vernon, Ill., also many nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Steuermol & McLaren Funeral Home in Roscommon. John Bialek will officiate. Visitation will be Friday from noon to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Pioneer Cemetery in Roscommon.

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Strohpaul, Stancil honored

At the Grayling City and Township Fire Department Dinner on March 8, Grayling Fire Chief Russell H. Strohpaul, Jr. was awarded a plaque by fellow firefighters for his 10 years of service as Grayling Fire Chief.

Although Strohpaul is remaining on the department as a firefighter, he made the decision to resign as fire chief effective April 1, for personal reasons.

After accepting the award, Strohpaul recognized the officers and members for making his job easier.

Arnold Stancil, previous Grayling Township supervisor, was awarded a plaque thanking him for his years of support to the Grayling City and Township Fire Department.

Stancil said that it was a pleasure working with City Manager Jerry Morford, Grayling City Council and the Grayling Township Board of Trustees in supporting the least recognized volunteer organization in the county.

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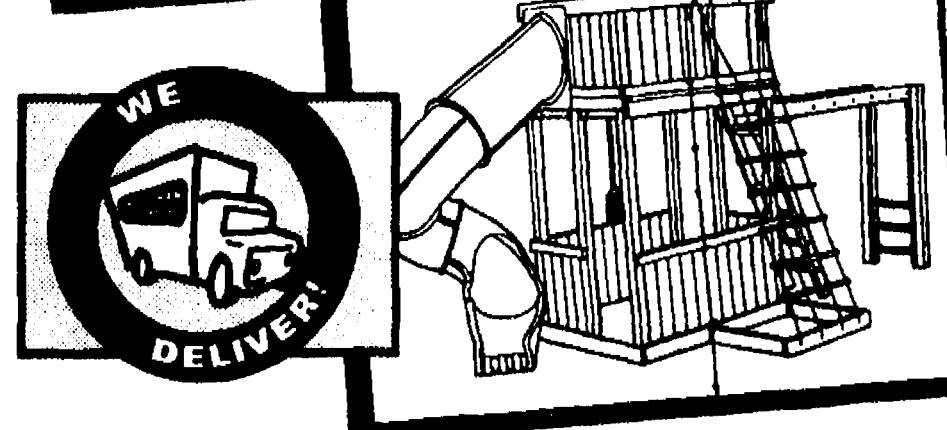
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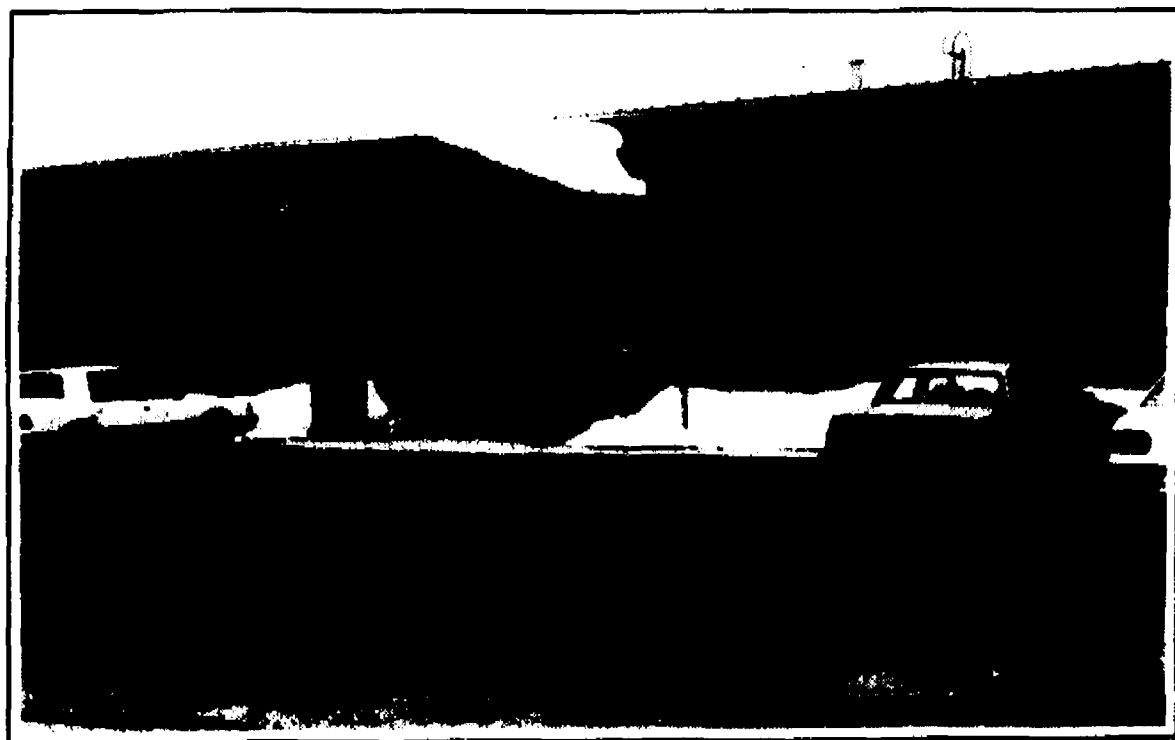
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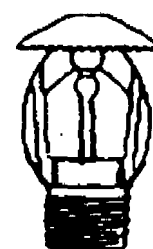
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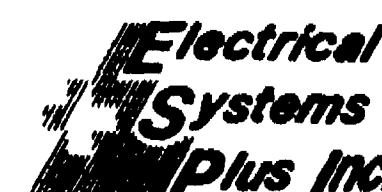
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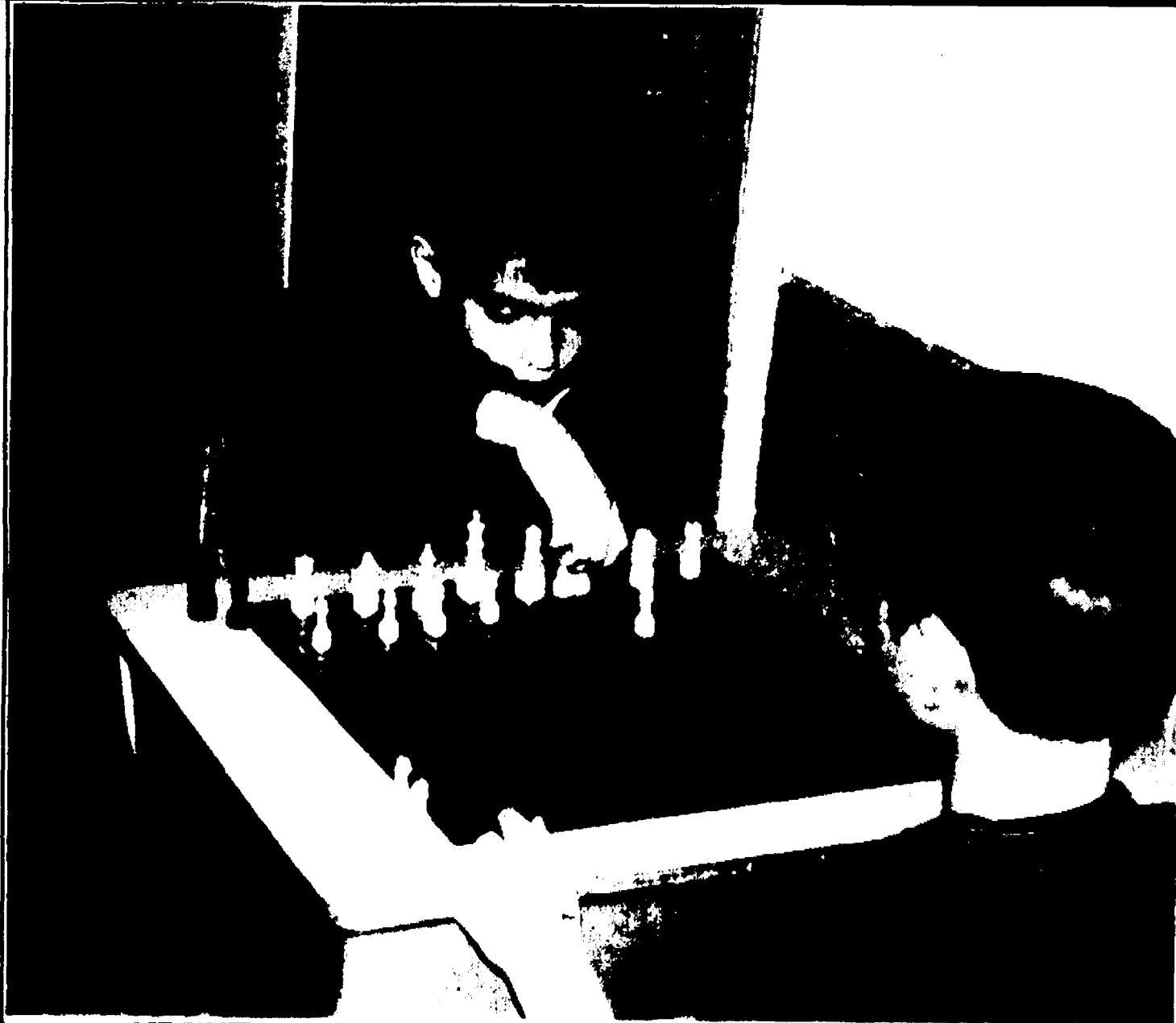
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CHECK MATE -- Sean Vogel (left) plays chess with his brother Ryan at the Arts and Smarts Fair held at AuSable Primary on Saturday, March 15. photo by Lisa Hofman

Arts and Smarts Fair has numerous participants from Grayling area schools

The Arts and Smarts Fair "Through a Window", held March 15 at the AuSable Primary School had numerous projects submitted.

In the Linguistic category the following participated: First Grade class project, "Through a Window" poetry; Hank Abney, second grade, sports poem; Tara McLachlan, second grade, jump rope rhyme.

Class project, second grade, When School Gets Out; Chelsey Smith, second grade, dolphin report; Billy

Weaver, second grade, Crayons; Geo Gasser, second grade, sports poem;

Zac Baker and Nick Parkinson, multiage, football report diorama; Heather Paterson and Danielle Williams, multiage, interview;

Trisha Peterson, multiage, report on the moon;

Brittany Sloan, multiage, dolphin report/project; Vanessa Vogel, multiage, hamster report/poster; Tim Boeger and Jess Fairbotham, second

grade, tree poem.

In the Logical/Math category the following students participated: Peter Alexander, kindergarten, What Things are Magnetic?; Jessica Bindschattel, kindergarten, What Happens When You Use Colored Water on Plants?; Terry Maxwell, kindergarten, Density of Liquids;

John Cochran, kindergarten, Solar System; Racelle McLachlan, kindergarten, Is There a Temperature Change in Sand Mixtures?; Blue Group kindergarten, sinking wood; Yellow Group kindergarten, properties of wood;

Gabrielle Calkins, first grade, Sweet Crystals; Rachel Doremire, first grade, Telling Time - Candle Clock; Chantel Grant, first grade, Solar System - Through a Telescope;

Andria Howe, first grade, Is Soil Necessary for Germination?; Reid Holzbauer, first grade, Electromagnets; Class project kindergarten, What Makes the Shadows?;

Bradley McDonald, second grade, Magnetic Penetration; Andrew Hart, second grade, volcano; Mitchell Hernandez, second grade, Red Sky at Night; Tara McLachlan, second grade, Charting Size of Boys and Girls;

Class project, first grade, Crystal Painting; A.J. Brackenbury, second grade, volcano; Paul Brown and Family, second grade, Solar System; Ali Ferrigan and Kelly Lange, second grade, volcano; Abby Hiltonen, second grade, How Will Temperature Effect Melting Ice?;

Jesse Gintner, second grade, Electric Dancing; Small group, second grade, Trip to Florida; Annah King, second grade, Mixing Substances to Make a Gas; and Ethan Tilson, second grade, "Addwiz".

Participants in the Bodily-Kinesthetic category are as follows: Nick Tompkins and Family, second grade, Solar System; Megan Burrick, multiage, How Do I Solve This?; Scot Olson, multiage, Evaporation; Andrew Wingfield, multiage, Science Surprise; Nick Fitzpatrick, multiage, Making a Model Rocket;

Zeke Hayes, multiage, The Shadow of a Ghost; Wade McGregor, multiage, volcano and report; Ben Jones, Zach Sheldon, Matt Montgomery, second grade, playground model; Justin Riehle, second grade, Blood Flow of the Heart;

Trey Townsend, second grade, "Look"; and Jessica Bonda and Christi Schmidt, multiage, Do you want to learn gymnastics?.

In the Musical portion of the program Andy Currison, first grade, Open Your Window and Hear the Music; and Staci Dent and friends, multiage,

Middle school, high school science fair nets awards

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

At the sixth through 12th grade science fair held at Grayling Middle School on March 15 the following students were awarded ribbons:

Sixth grade - Life Science first place - Nicole Marie Persing "Do all people feel pain the same?"; second place - Melissa King/Jennie Gibbons "How does salt affect the growth of brine shrimp?"; third place - Heather Merchant "How do plants grow?";

Sixth grade - Physical Matter first place - Coleman Payne/Shane Ferrell; Mary Wingfield/Halie Phipps "Can simple tests be used to determine the presence of starch, fat and protein in foods?"; Jenni Rusiecki/Maeghan Corwin "Can a house key be electroplated?";

Second place - Chris Cragg/Jason Henning "How much volume does carbon dioxide have when it is released when seltzer tablets react with water at room temperature?"; Tara Papendick/Ashly Longendyke "How does a cloud form?"; Danielle Beckwith/Sarah Golnick "How do we

breathe?";

Third place Natasha Gates/Nicole Lutz "How does photography work?"; Ashlea Mitchell/Amber Moore "What makes things float on water?"; Annelese Finke/Cody Myers "How do crystals change over a period of time?";

Sixth grade - Physical Energy first place - Sean Doyle/Willy Brewer "How does electricity flow?"; Tyler Huber/Josh Jurkovich "What happens if you change the weight and length of a pendulum?"; James Kenney/Zach Ostrander/Travis Lane "What solids and liquids are good conductors?";

Second place - Antonio Sala/Marx Stephan "Can a lemon conduct electricity?"; Eric Hunter/Todd Gaffke "What types of things would set off a burglar alarm?"; Brek Denewitt/Brandon Jacobs "Can a magnetized needle work like a compass?"; Dustin R. Ellis "Which ingredients from a seltzer tablet cause a reaction in water that produces a gas?";

Third place - Chrissy Strait/April Brown "What will make the best insulator?"; Monica Safin/Rebecca Spicer "What would make a water wheel more efficient?"; Justin Hanes/Matt Boardman "Why does the sun turn orange and red when it sets at dusk and not another color?";

In the seventh and eighth grade

division Ashlee Cox/Sarah Weaver "What is a tumor and what causes it?" and Alexis Sumner/Ann Hughes "Do earthworms help terrariums grow?" placed first.

Annie Spencer "What are the layers of the earth?" placed second.

In the high school division Crystal Pilon "What are acids and alkalis?" placed first. Armand Lawrence/James Jones "How does a Ph scale work in house hold work?"; Annie Becks/Vickie Carter "What is an atomic particle accelerator?" and Kelly Taylor/Krystal Harris "How does age affect light and dark adaptation to the eye?" also placed first.

Sara Eagen/Louie Kehr "Does environment play a part in plant growth?"; Meaghan Gosling/Shannon Wakeley "What are the characteristics of waves?"; Brad Larm/Mike Knight/Kris Urie "What is torque?" placed second.

Placing third was Michelle Dunckley/Jessica St. Germain "What are the composition of forces?"; Shannon Papendick "What effects the periods of a pendulum?"; Jenny Ohsowski/Nikki Schornack "What is momentum?";

Rachael Evon/Sasha Latuszek "Art fair project 'Candy Solar System'" earned the chairperson special award.

Elementary students awarded in science fair

The Spectacular Superintendents Science Award at the Grayling Elementary School science fair was awarded to the following students: (third grade) Kelsey Andrus and Dustin Pizzi; (fourth grade) Jenny Long; (fifth grade) Alex Sendek and Greg Morrill.

The Outstanding Awards went to (third grade) Ryan Feldhauser, Ch-

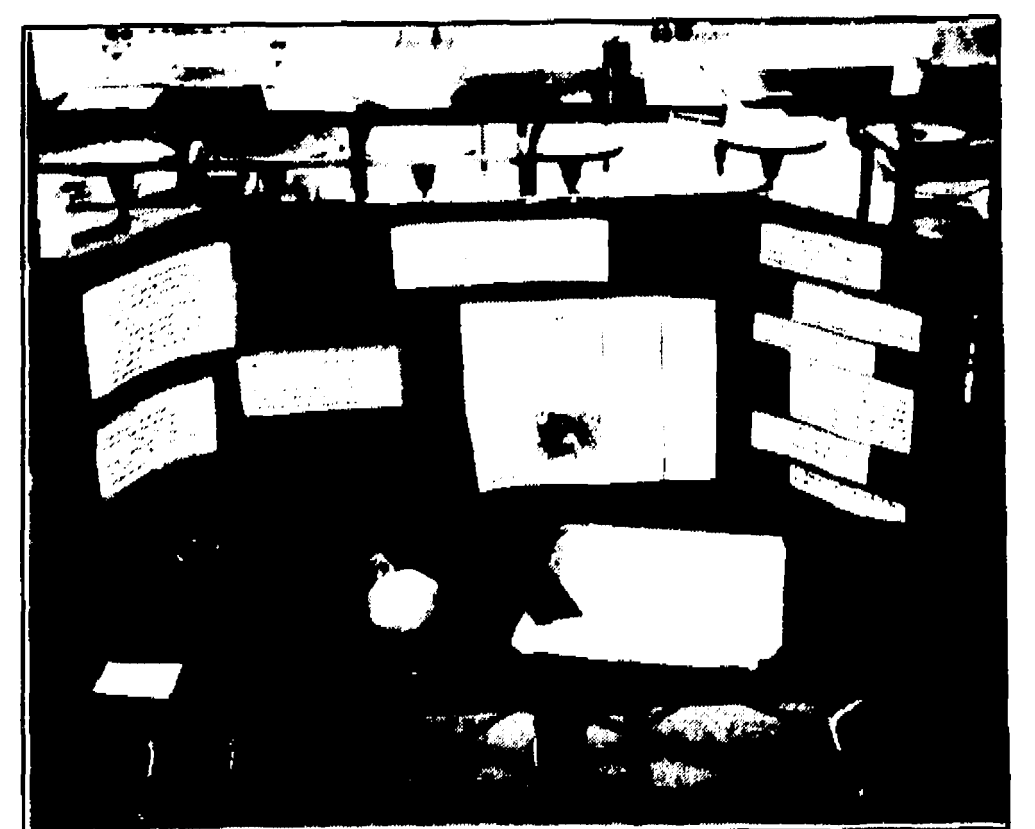
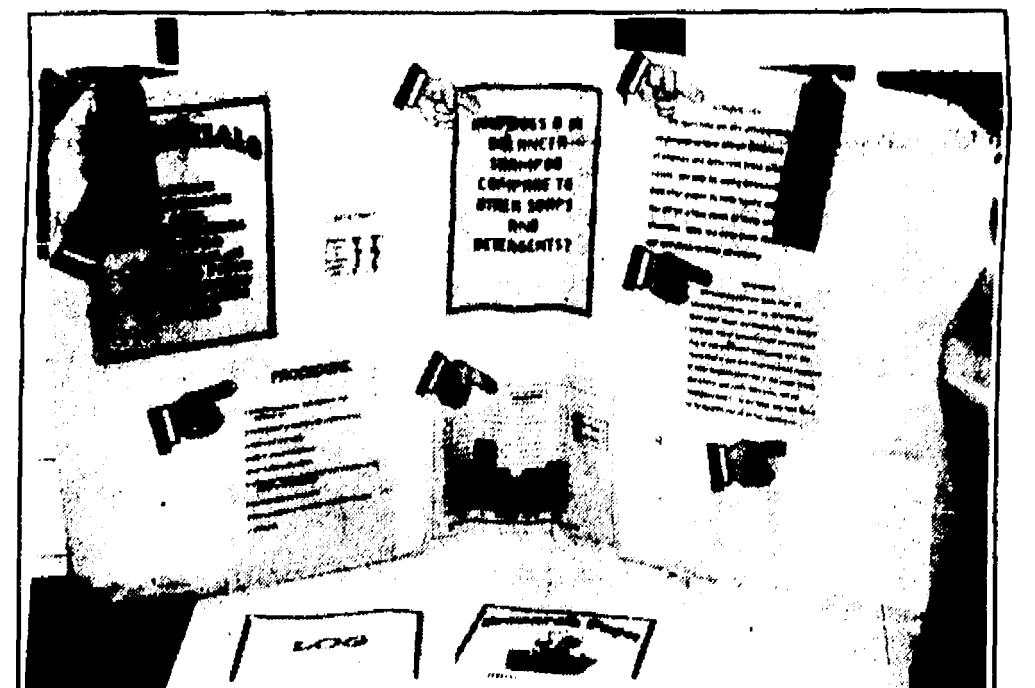
elsea Wolcott, Kara Longendyke, Nerissa Morris, Jeff Weaver, Billy Beck and Kellan Quigley - (fourth grade) Josh Hinkle, Tracy Payne, Erica Fenn, Gibson Tobin, Matt Swope and Jenny Long - (fifth grade) Alex Sendek, Greg Morrill, Erik Olson, Doug Moors and Megan Fekete.

The science fair was held March 15.



LEARNING TO TIE DYE -- Nick Parkinson tie dyes a T-shirt at the Arts and Smarts Fair held at the AuSable Primary School on Saturday. The fair was designed under the multiple intelligences concept and included a hands on portion. photo by Lisa Hofman


SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS -- Pictured below is an example of the projects at this years sixth through twelfth grade science fair. The fair was held March 15 at Grayling Middle School.



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Boys basketball is honored for hard work

by Craig Hofman
 Sports Writer
 The 1996-97 boys basketball banquet was held at the Grayling Holiday Inn on Wednesday, March 12.
 Freshmen coach Doug Simons introduced and recognized each of the freshmen players.
 Coach Simons also recognized Eric LaForest for his help all season long.
 Ray Trudgeon started late, but possesses good skills.
 Matt Mitchell worked hard and was very positive through his injuries.
 Adam Knapp was a positive role model and emotional leader.
 Joe Fritz worked hard and gave his all.

Tim Ormsbee was positive and always gave his all.
 Marcus Weaver played hard and worked all year.
 Brian McCurdy was very consistent with 17 points and 10 rebounds a game.
 Josh Brannon played a great point and was very unselfish.

Brad Wilson and Dave Hawkins were the captains and did an outstanding job as leaders for the team.

The junior varsity cheerleaders were introduced by coach Kelly Simmons who thanked Chris Burrell the varsity coach for her help.

"The girls were great to work with and they were a motivated bunch," said Simmons.

The junior varsity cheerleaders are Jamie Anderson, Tosha Carlisle, Heather Hatfield, Missy Jackson, Amanda Webb, Darcy Trudgeon, and Heidi Wallace.

Freshmen Amanda Webb won the coaches award and Darcy Trudgeon won the most spirited award.

The junior varsity basketball players were introduced by their coach Butch Hayes.

Hayes complimented the players for their continuous effort especially during practices. He said the kids worked hard and were some of the hardest working groups he has ever had.

Travis Huber was a co-captain and improved his game a lot since the year before.

Jeremy Jones was a utility type player and showed great leadership.

Pete Meade was a very versatile player who contributed a lot to the team.

Jeremy Millikin was a strong



END OF A SEASON -- Head Coach Rich Moffit speaks to the crowd about the Grayling High School varsity basketball team. The team, pictured at left, celebrated the end of their season with a banquet held Wednesday, March 12.
 photo by Craig Hofman

presence inside and has good skills outside.

Mike Ostwald had great leaping ability and can control the boards.

Jason Potter was another utility player and has good post moves.

Kevin Jansen had a great touch around the basket.

Kyle Maples was a hard worker and pushed others.

Adam Knapp came up in the last weeks of the season, but gave them a true post player.

Nate Beckwith and Eli Tobin went up to the varsity level, but were the leading scorer and leading ball handler respectively for the first half or more of the year.

Chris Burrell introduced the varsity cheerleaders. The varsity squad ended up with only four members and she was proud of the way that they stuck it out.

Annie Becks won the dedication award.

Jesse Becks won the spirit award.

Tiffany Craigie won the 100 percent award.

Mary Hibbard won the coaches award.

The varsity team was introduced by head coach Rich Moffit who recognized Assistant Superintendent Paul Lerg, Principal Judith Gorski and Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Mitchell Roseranz for their leadership.

Moffit also thanked Barry Davis who has coached for 32 years and is being nominated for the Hall of Fame. He also thanked Gary Hopp for all of his time with the program.

Moffit praised the team for being a class act on and off the court and announced that this was the first time that the Grayling team was being nominated for All-State Academic team with a cumulative team grade point average of 3.22. Brad Larm and Ben Haskel both have over a 4.0 average.

Moffit said that the team improved as the year went along and being a young team gives them a good look for the future.

Freshman Nate Hinkle had an impressive year leading the team in points with 237. He was 61-for-122 from inside the three-point line, 29-of-79 from beyond the three-point line and went to the free-throw line 58 times and made 34. Hinkle also led the team in steals with 34 and with defensive deflections with 112.

Freshman Eli Tobin who came up in the second half of the season got some valuable playing experience and had 41 assists and 39 deflections in the

varsity games he played.

Sophomore Brad Ritter showed a lot of improvement in the low post area and shot 60 percent from the field. Ritter was 46-of-77 from two-point land and only attempted one three pointer. Ritter also collected 82 deflections, 28 steals and 69 rebounds.

Sophomore Nathan Beckwith who moved up the last few weeks of the season also received some valuable time and shot 57 percent from the floor. Beckwith was 17-of-30 from two-point land and 3-of-10 from the arc.

Sophomore Matt LaForest had some big scoring games for the Vikings, scoring over 20 points in a few games and, according to Moffit, can be an impact player if he improves. LaForest was the third leading scorer with 166 points and was 35-of-69 from the two-point area and 22-of-52 from the three-point line. LaForest added 45 rebounds, 38 assists and had 83 deflections and 27 steals.

Junior Rob Dent led the team in free-throw percentage at 83 percent and was a competitive player who worked hard.

Junior Gorden Elsner was a smart player who always had a positive attitude.

Junior Travis Parkinson improved throughout the year and was one of three players to have more assists than turnovers. Parkinson had 68 assists which led the team and only 45 turnovers. He also had 84 deflections, 46 rebounds and 30 steals.

Junior Mike Harland was complimented on his hard work and ability to play the game.

Senior Sam Modica had 99 points, 67 rebounds and 40 assists. He also posted 69 deflections and 18 steals.

Senior captain Brad Larm was the second leading scorer with 175 points, and showed and led by example with his great hustle and poise on the floor. Larm led the team with 84 rebounds and posted 36 assists, 87 deflections and 30 steals.

Senior Ben Haskel was complimented on his hard defensive work and being a positive model and a great captain. Haskel had 84 deflections, 69 rebounds and 21 steals.

Senior captain David Sabin played center and played outstanding. He was the second leading scorer from two-point land with 82 points and scored 121 overall. Sabin added to the team with 69 rebounds, 82 deflections, and 28 steals.

The Most Improved Player of the Year Award went to Brad Ritter who, according to Moffit, seemed to under-

stand the post better after their game against Houghton Lake.

Mr. Hustle Award for on and off the court went to Travis Parkinson.

Mr. Defense Award went to Ben Haskel who was matched up against the toughest player on the opposing team.

The Most Valuable Player Award went to Brad Larm for his all-around game and leadership on and off the court.

The Vikings ended their season with a 5-16 record and came in third in the conference with a 3-5 record.

As a team, the Vikings shot 43 percent from the two-point area, hitting 337-of-779 shots. They shot 31 percent from the three-point line, going 95-for-306. The Vikings shot 57 percent from the free-throw line, hitting 206-for-362. The Vikings scored a total of 1,157 points.

The Vikings posted 566 rebounds and 324 assists. They had 70 deflections and 247 steals.

Grayling is looking forward to the future with many returning players and upcoming players that will make a great contribution.

January housing starts take expected turn

Michigan 1997 housing project starts were down 14.6 percent from 1996 year-to-date totals through the month of January. January housing project starts were down 26.6 percent from December.

"We expect 1997 to be a solid year," said Rick Delamater, president of the Michigan Association of Home Builders. "1996 was a tremendously strong year. A slight cool down can be expected in 1997, which will bring us to a more realistic pace that will probably be sustained through 1998. Decent job formation and attractive interest rates should support demand throughout the year."

Fixed-rate mortgages increased slightly to 7.87 percent in January from 7.57 percent in December. Lumber prices for 1,000 board feet of framing lumber rose to \$436 in January from \$429 in December.

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- simple plots
- more action than description
- characters about the same age and sex as your child
- animals and funny creatures
- a wide variety of recognizable objects, such as trucks and trees.
- catchy lines or refrains
- books you can read in one sitting

Godlewski, St. Germain named MVPs

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Grayling volleyball teams held their annual awards banquet on Monday, March 17, and a junior and a senior walked away with the top varsity award.

Junior Amy Godlewski and senior Jessica St. Germain will have their names engraved on the Most Valuable Player plaque with a number of past Viking volleyball stars. These two players represent two of the different facets of volleyball, as St. Germain was the top hitter this season and Godlewski was the team leader in sets.

The banquet was the last high school volleyball function for St. Germain, Jessica Waite and Erin Smith. The three seniors of the 1996-97 Viking squad will graduate this year. Smith, Waite and St. Germain were honored at the banquet for serving as tri-captains this season.

The all-conference medals also were distributed at the banquet. Nicole Craigie, St. Germain and Godlewski were first team all-conference selections, and Kristie Cadeau, Waite and Smith were honorable mention conference selections.

In addition to the MVP award, other honors were handed out by Coach Rebecca Brown to the players. Cadeau was given the Hustle Award for her play this season.

The Most Improved Player award was given to Mandy Trudgeon. The person who picked her teammates up when they needed it this year, Krystal Savoy, earned the Spirit Award. Jamie McGuire, Rebecca Shahan, Craigie and St. Germain were honored with coaches awards.

A recently added award for Viking players who perform on the court and in the classroom also was given to players this year. St. Germain and Waite each played volleyball for four years in high school and finished with a 3.0 grade point average or higher.

A number of Grayling spikers were named to specific, end-of-the-year clubs after meeting some requirements.

Four Vikings will have their names placed on the Finesse Club plaque for setting, and one also made it for tips. The player had to finish with at least 100 sets with 90 percent accuracy, and the tip portion could be reached by having at least 215 tips with 90 percent accuracy.

Godlewski (953), Cadeau (899), McGuire (109) and St. Germain (100) each made the finesse club for sets. St. Germain (302) also made it for tips.

One Viking made the Precision Pass Club with at least 750 passes. Waite finished the season with 783 passes.

Four Grayling volleyball players were named to the Ace Club this year with at least 225 good serves. Godlewski (320), St. Germain (302), Waite (294) and Cadeau (247) all made the club.

The final club is the Block and Block Buster Club. A player needed to finish with at least 100 blocks and/or 200 spikes to make this club. Craigie (211) and St. Germain (106) made it for blocks.

St. Germain (359), Craigie (356), Godlewski (222) and Waite (220) all made the Block Buster Club for spikes.

The junior varsity coach Marty Winkler also passed out some JV honors at the banquet. She recognized her co-captains Mandy Trudgeon and

Emily Weaver.

The Most Spirit Award was given to Lindsey Voelker. The Most Improved Player for the 1996-97 JV squad was

Cheryl Papendick.

The Most Valuable Player for the young Vikings was Mandy Trudgeon.



VALUABLE VOLLEYBALLERS — Amy Godlewski, left, and Jessica St. Germain hold the Most Valuable Player plaque which their names will appear on. The two Grayling players were named the 1996-97 volleyball MVPs for their contributions to the team this season.

Grayling powerlifters take eighth in state

by Craig Hoffman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School powerlifting team traveled to Burton Bendle on Saturday, March 15, to compete in the State Powerlifting Competition.

The Vikings were the farthest northern team to compete in the competition. There were over 40 teams competing and over 400 lifters.

According to coach Rodney Patterson, the meet started at 10 a.m. and did not finish until 9 p.m.

Each weight class was highly competitive with some weight classes having over 50 entries.

"The team did an outstanding job and they deserve all the credit for their hard work and effort which is voluntary on their part," said Patterson.

"It was great to see so many parents, and also junior varsity football coach Doug Pummell who gave a whole day to help us out," said Patterson.

The Vikings placed eighth in the state competition, but were only four points out of fifth place.

All of the lifters did an outstanding job, but a few really made their presence felt.

At the 132-pound class, Jesse Hannum took second overall and had a three lift combined weight of 850 pounds.

Joe Woidan had an outstanding meet, lifting a total of 1,065 pounds in three lifts and placing overall

in the 155-pound class.

Woidan did not only come in second, but he set two state records for his weight class. First was the bench press where Woidan benched 255 pounds. Second was the deadlift, where he lifted 455 pounds and lifted 30 more pounds than he has ever lifted before.

"A lot of it is believing in yourself and getting your motivation. Technique is also very important and all of our lifters are getting better with experience," said Patterson.

Jeremy Colby also reached the 1,000-pound plateau that, according to Patterson, is a main goal for a lifter. Colby lifted 1,010.

The biggest surprise at the meet was freshmen Tosha Carlisle who was competing in her first powerlifting event and came away with the title of state champion for her weight class.

Carlisle set a state bench press record by lifting 125 pounds, and she came real close to setting a new squatting record. Carlisle lifted a combined 535 pounds.

"It is tough to go to the state meet and compete, especially when you are a freshman who has to compete against seniors. There was no varsity and junior varsity separation. Everyone competed at the same level," said Patterson.

Other participants were Travis Beckett, Travis Pearl, Armand Laurence, Brent Holborn, Chris Holborn, Kevin Anis, Casey Helsel, Neal Josza, Nate Neiderer — who was

in the top three in the 165-pound class with a bench press of 260 pounds. Tim Wildfong and Shane Colby.

"All of the kids did great and, with the success and with kids like this, our lifting program should be very successful for years to come," said Patterson.

The Vikings will be competing at Farwell on Sunday, March 23, and at Frankfurt on Saturday, April 12.

Some of the lifters have expressed interest in going to the Junior Nationals, but a decision has not been made as of yet.

Final standings for all of the individual competitors were not available at press time.

Lift-a-Thon to benefit students

by Craig Hoffman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School football team is sponsoring a Lift-a-Thon on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m.

All students and adults are welcome to participate in the event.

"The money that we raise will go entirely to the purchase of weights and weight equipment for the weight room," said head football coach Rodney Patterson.

The weight room is used by a variety of individuals, not just the football team. Weight lifting is important for all sporting activities and is used in the high school curriculum as part of a class.

According to Patterson, the booster club provided the funds to build and get the equipment for the weight room originally.

"I felt that we needed to try to provide for ourselves and not have to rely on the booster club, because there are a lot of teams out there that are asking for help," said Patterson.

"We want people to come out and see what the money is going for and to see the kids that work very hard during the year both academically and athletically," said Patterson.

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ACC 350	6-9:25 pm	Accounting Systems	Tuesday
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COM 122	6-9:25 pm	College Writing II	Wednesday
ECO 101	6-9:25 pm	Microeconomics	Wednesday
MKT 301	6-9:25 pm	Principles of Marketing	Wednesday
ACC 302	6-9:25 pm	Intermediate Accounting II	Thursday
ACC 203	6-9:25 pm	Cost Accounting I	Thursday
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3. Jesse Gildner	630
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5. Travis LaMotte	615
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(NO SMALL ITEMS, PLEASE BE ON TIME.)

Lot #53 1992 Dresser 850 6-wheel-drive motorgrader w/3,800 hours, in real good condition, serial #U200102. (Sells with reserve).

Lot #32 1979 GMC Brigadier, 671 Detroit diesel, single axle, versa-lift w/self-contained hyd. bucket, rear differential has been recently rebuilt, (sign truck).

Lot #30 1983 Ford L9000-671 Detroit diesel, Fuller w/905A transmission, two-speed w/tandem axles, 251,000 miles, Do-Al ten yard hopper box about five years old, Root 12" F-44 underbody scrapper, new springs at 229,000 miles, new rear shoes and chambers at 246,000 miles.

Lot #25 1988 Ford 9000 Cummins L-10, tank truck w/2000 gal. tank. At 221,000 miles both differentials & transmission were rebuilt, recently new water pump, radiator and muffler.

Lot #57 1970 Hough H65C loader w/Detroit 407 diesel engine and 3-yard bucket.

Lincoln Idealarc R3R-500 welder.

Blackhawk 2,000 lb. transmission jack.

Eight I beams, 63' long, 36" high, 1" wide on the top.

Several large cement ballast blocks.

For more information, contact Jim Briney, Managing Director of the Road Commission For Crawford County, at 517-348-2281

TERMS: Cash or check the day of the sale. Not responsible for accidents or items after sold. Nothing to be removed until settled for.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

Those corny hammertoes

Corns are one of nature's way of protecting the feet. When a bone or joint is irritated by the friction of a shoe, the foot's quite sensible response is to build up a tough plate of armor—a corn—over the troubled spot. This is why a corn is one of the characteristic signs of a hammertoe, a deformity in which a toe becomes fixed in a bent position. Hammertoes are caused by a biomechanical fault, or the way the body's weight is distributed when the foot hits the ground. When this system is out of whack, one of the toes' long bones (metatarsals) may drop and the tendons tighten. This causes the affected toe to bend upward, with its knuckle protruding, and a corn to form to protect the knuckle. Home remedies cannot cure hammertoes. Orthotics (prescription shoe inserts) are often necessary to correct the biomechanical cause. The corn may need to be trimmed, and surgery is sometimes

necessary to release the tendon. Most people suffer from some kind of foot disorder—from hammertoes and corns, to ingrown toenails and bunions. Tight-fitting or high-heeled shoes are often the culprits, but heredity, poor foot care, injuries, or medical conditions can also cause problems. Whatever your foot concerns, we'll help restore your comfort and ease of movement, and recommend action you can take at home. **GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C.** offers complete family foot care at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, PH: 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Leaving hammertoes and hard corns untreated can lead to more serious problems with the lower limbs and back.



Hoop team heads to states

Four Special Olympics basketball teams recently participated in state-wide competition.

The Northland Huskies A men's team advanced to the state finals this weekend by defeating Redford to win the district championship.

The Northland team is the defending Division II state champions.

Crawford County resident, Chris Whaley, scored eight points in the championship game, a 53-38 win over Redford.

The Northland Huskies B men's teams came in fourth place in Division III. The team lost 38-11 to Muskegon and 27-14 to Benzie.

The Northland Huskies C men's team placed fourth in Division V. The team lost to Muskegon, 42-20 and

Ludington 42-38. Crawford County resident Jerry Harris is a member of the C team.

The Northland Huskies girls team placed third in Division II at the state finals in Mt. Pleasant. The team lost 25-22 to Livonia and won 44-26 over Lansing.

Members of each of the teams are from Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties.

Wrestlers have good showing

On March 15, the middle school wrestlers traveled to the Charlevoix Invitational. This was their toughest tournament of the year, with 12 schools and 41 individual weight classes.

Eight wrestlers in each class competed. The Grayling wrestling team took 24 wrestlers and 18 of them made it to the final round.

Winning medals for Grayling were: Eli VanNuck, first place; Brandon Pratt, first place; Victor Cdebaca, first place; Sean Mitchell, first place; Joe Highlen, second place; Chris Malone,

second place; Roy Middleton, second place; Chris Peters, second place; Larry Baynham, third place; Nate Haskell, third place; Eric Hunter, third place; Andy Palmer, third place; Nick Baynham, third place; Scott Carnes, third place; and Chris McGuire, third place.

The middle school wrestling team will end its season with the league finals on March 22 in Whittemore-Prescott. Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m. Persons are invited to come and cheer on the young Vikings.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Nite Mixed	
C.S.I.	35.5-16.5
Us & Them	32.5-19.5
Robideau Cons	29-23
Mac's Drugs	27-25
Computer Serv	23-29
Pioneer Hills Marine	23-29
D.A.M.M.	20-32
All Season's Drywall	18-34
Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 214; R. Moshier, 205; J. Robideau, 203.	
Men's High Series: D. Canfield, 578; R. Moshier, 568; R. Pyle, 506.	
Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 187; Y. Schreiber, 184; S. Sumner, 174.	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 515; Y. Schreiber, 461; J. Hurd, 454.	

National First League	
Moore's Auto Parts	32-12
Breakers Steak House	28-16
Carquest	27-17
City Environmental	26-18
Northern Whitetail Ranch	19.5-24.5
Guns & Grub	15-29
Forrest Bros	14.5-29.5
Corkys D.J. & Karaoke	14-30
High Game: D. Canfield, 230; D. Henning, 204; D. Walker, 203.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 600; D. Henning, 579; A. Angove, 546.	

American Men's League	
Northwoods Land	14-0
McLean's Ace	12-2
Stitches by Sue	10-4
Rod's Auto Body	8-6
Upper Lake	4-10
Auto Parts	4-10
BCI	2-12
Fentons Auto Service	2-12
High Game: D. Canfield, 238; B. Worden, 218; D. Canfield, 210.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 604; J. Thayer, 544; B. Palmer, 542.	

Senior Citizens League	
Cornell's Realty	61-43
Buccilli's Pizza	59.5-44.5
Totten's Body Shop	55.5-48.5
Century "21" Realty	53-31
Mac's Drug Store	51-33
Baynham Wood Products	48-36
Powers By Josie	44-60
Sylvester's Sports	42-62
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 196; H. Ingram, 178; A.J. Hall, O. Brantley, 169.	
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 532; H. Ingram, 486; F. Krolitzkowski, 476.	
Women's High Game: D. Hall, 167; J. Miller, 166; V. Johnston, D. Mead, 161.	
Women's High Series: V. Johnston, 468; D. Mead, 445; T. Steady, 425.	

Triangle League	
3=D's	12-4
Moshier Auto	10-6
Airway Auto	9.5-6.5
Blankens	9-7
JJ's Motor Mall	7.5-8.5
Barber Cons	6-10
Grayling Ford	5-11
Jackson Tiro	5-11
High Game: L. Davis, 234; J. Golsick, 217; R. Myers, 205.	
High Series: L. Davis, 581; T. Devins, 548; J. Golsick, 531.	

Northwood	
Wakeley's Auto Parts	29
House of Cabinets	22
Rich's Cycle Service	26
Hesler Brothers	23
R. Calkins & Sons	21
Millikin's	18
Glen's	16
R&M Masonry	16
High Game: L. Danenberg, 204; S. France, 190; L. Holkamp, 185.	
High Series: S. France, 527; L. Danenberg, 501; T. Papendick, 494.	

Friday Night Mixed Doubles	
A. Bulldog Towing	32-16
Hesler Bros. Logging	31-17
Moshier Auto Repair	23-25
Advance Collision	23-25
No-Pear	23-25
Tees-N-Such	22-26
Cedar Motel	19-29
AJD Forest Products	19-29
Men's High Game: B. Evon, 212; D. Ray, 207; R. Buskirk, 197.	
Men's High Series: B. Evon, 552; D. Ray, 519; D. Lozon, 515.	
Women's High Game: K. Moshier, 185; K. Lozon, 172; Y. Schreiber, 170.	
Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 546; B. Buskirk, 476; K. Lozon, 469.	

Pioneer League	
Deb & Dale's	29-11
Millikin's	26-14
Custom Interior	23-17
Lady Slippers	21-19
Chemical Bank	20-20
Aunt Betty's	15-25
Mercy Hospital	14-26
Avalanche	12-28
High Game: L. Fisher, 214; M. Perez, 213; S. France, 200.	
High Series: S. France, 550; M. Perez, 543; K. Moshier, 522.	

Recreation League	
North Country R.V.	28-12
Scheer Motors	27-13
Fun-N-Sun Rental	26.5-13.5
Mickey Perez CPA	22-18
Mark 8	19-21
Glen's Market	15-25
Peterson Saw Service	13.5-26.5
Cornell's	8-32
High Game: L. Dellar, 196; S. Morse, 191; B. Wheeler, 189.	
High Series: S. Morse, 526; B. Wheeler, 525; L. Dellar, 510.	



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NCAA Basketball Championship Advertisers Contest

First Round
March 13 - 14

Second Round
March 15 - 16

Regionals
March 20 - 21

Semifinals
Saturday, March 29

Regionals
March 20 - 21

Second Round
March 15 - 16

First Round
March 13 - 14

KENTUCKY: State Wide Real Estate	KENTUCKY: State Wide Real Estate	KENTUCKY: State Wide Real Estate
MONTANA: Crown Country, Ski Headquarters	MONTANA: Crown Country, Ski Headquarters	MONTANA: Crown Country, Ski Headquarters
IOWA: Iron Gate Restaurant	IOWA: Iron Gate Restaurant	IOWA: Iron Gate Restaurant
VIRGINIA: Grayling Insurance	VIRGINIA: Grayling Insurance	VIRGINIA: Grayling Insurance
BOSTON GOLF - J. Day Co.	BOSTON GOLF - J. Day Co.	BOSTON GOLF - J. Day Co.
VALPARAISO: Crawford County Abstract	VALPARAISO: Crawford County Abstract	VALPARAISO: Crawford County Abstract
ST. JOSEPH'S: Wellington Travel	ST. JOSEPH'S: Wellington Travel	ST. JOSEPH'S: Wellington Travel
PACIFIC: Abel Auto Parts	PACIFIC: Abel Auto Parts	PACIFIC: Abel Auto Parts
WAKE FOREST: Ernie's Flea Market	WAKE FOREST: Ernie's Flea Market	WAKE FOREST: Ernie's Flea Market
ST. MARY'S: J.J.'s Motor Mall	ST. MARY'S: J.J.'s Motor Mall	ST. MARY'S: J.J.'s Motor Mall
STANFORD: Century 21 Higgins Lake	STANFORD: Century 21 Higgins Lake	STANFORD: Century 21 Higgins Lake
OKLAHOMA: Davis Jeweler	OKLAHOMA: Davis Jeweler	OKLAHOMA: Davis Jeweler
N.C. CHAR: Scheer Motors	N.C. CHAR: Scheer Motors	N.C. CHAR: Scheer Motors
GEORGETOWN: John Herriek, Don Heuser Chevrolet	GEORGETOWN: John Herriek, Don Heuser Chevrolet	GEORGETOWN: John Herriek, Don Heuser Chevrolet
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NAVY: Larry & John's Place	NAVY: Larry & John's Place	NAVY: Larry & John's Place
MINNESOTA: Cliff Wheeler, Don Heuser Chevrolet	MINNESOTA: Cliff Wheeler, Don Heuser Chevrolet	MINNESOTA: Cliff Wheeler, Don Heuser Chevrolet
SW TEXAS ST.: Crown Jewelers	SW TEXAS ST.: Crown Jewelers	SW TEXAS ST.: Crown Jewelers
MISSISSIPPI: Comfort Center	MISSISSIPPI: Comfort Center	MISSISSIPPI: Comfort Center
TEMPLE: S&K Computers	TEMPLE: S&K Computers	TEMPLE: S&K Computers
TULSA: Mac's Drugs	TULSA: Mac's Drugs	TULSA: Mac's Drugs
BOSTON U.: Grayling Entertainment	BOSTON U.: Grayling Entertainment	BOSTON U.: Grayling Entertainment
CLEMSON: Sawmill Billiards	CLEMSON: Sawmill Billiards	CLEMSON: Sawmill Billiards
MIAMI (O.): Jerry Goanell-RE/MAX	MIAMI (O.): Jerry Goanell-RE/MAX	MIAMI (O.): Jerry Goanell-RE/MAX
CINCINNATI: Grayling Big Boy Restaurant	CINCINNATI: Grayling Big Boy Restaurant	CINCINNATI: Grayling Big Boy Restaurant
BUTLER: Neko Theatre	BUTLER: Neko Theatre	BUTLER: Neko Theatre
IOWA ST.: Century 21/Grayling	IOWA ST.: Century 21/Grayling	IOWA ST.: Century 21/Grayling
ILLINOIS ST.: Williams Motors	ILLINOIS ST.: Williams Motors	ILLINOIS ST.: Williams Motors
XAVIER: Cornell Real Estate	XAVIER: Cornell Real Estate	XAVIER: Cornell Real Estate
VANDERBILT: Super 8 Motel	VANDERBILT: Super 8 Motel	VANDERBILT: Super 8 Motel
UCLA: Showtime Collision	UCLA: Showtime Collision	UCLA: Showtime Collision
CHARLESTON SC.: Pick & Sons, Inc.	CHARLESTON SC.: Pick & Sons, Inc.	CHARLESTON SC.: Pick & Sons, Inc.



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Monday, March 31

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1997 NCAA Basketball Advertiser Contest
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INDIANA: Grayling Real Estate	INDIANA: Grayling Real Estate	INDIANA: Grayling Real Estate
COLORADO: Randy Thompson Century 21	COLORADO: Randy Thompson Century 21	COLORADO: Randy Thompson Century 21
CALIFORNIA: Wendy's of Grayling	CALIFORNIA: Wendy's of Grayling	CALIFORNIA: Wendy's of Grayling
PRINCETON: JCPenney	PRINCETON: JCPenney	PRINCETON: JCPenney
VILLANOVA: Grayling Valley Inn	VILLANOVA: Grayling Valley Inn	VILLANOVA: Grayling Valley Inn
LONG ISLAND U.: Northland Auto, Pauline Dwyer Union	LONG ISLAND U.: Northland Auto, Pauline Dwyer Union	LONG ISLAND U.: Northland Auto, Pauline Dwyer Union
NEW MEXICO: Hootchley House	NEW MEXICO: Hootchley House	NEW MEXICO: Hootchley House
OLD DOMBON: Janssen Restaurant (Altoona)	OLD DOMBON: Janssen Restaurant (Altoona)	OLD DOMBON: Janssen Restaurant (Altoona)
LOUISVILLE: Heads Up North	LOUISVILLE: Heads Up North	LOUISVILLE: Heads Up North
MASS: Continental Rental	MASS: Continental Rental	MASS: Continental Rental
WISCONSIN: The Bicycle Shop	WISCONSIN: The Bicycle Shop	WISCONSIN: The Bicycle Shop
TEXAS: DeBolt Lumber Co.	TEXAS: DeBolt Lumber Co.	TEXAS: DeBolt Lumber Co.
S. CAROLINA: Fox Park Country Club	S. CAROLINA: Fox Park Country Club	S. CAROLINA: Fox Park Country Club
COPPIN STATE: Grayling Country Club	COPPIN STATE: Grayling Country Club	COPPIN STATE: Grayling Country Club
KANSAS: Old Dan Rd. Party Store	KANSAS: Old Dan Rd. Party Store	KANSAS: Old Dan Rd. Party Store
JACKSON ST.: Janssen Sales & Service	JACKSON ST.: Janssen Sales & Service	JACKSON ST.: Janssen Sales & Service
PURDUE: Glenn's Market	PURDUE: Glenn's Market	PURDUE: Glenn's Market
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MARYLAND: Dine's Car Wash	MARYLAND: Dine's Car Wash	MARYLAND: Dine's Car Wash
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ARIZONA: Charlie's Country Corner	ARIZONA: Charlie's Country Corner	ARIZONA: Charlie's Country Corner
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USC: Recreation Tanning Center	USC: Recreation Tanning Center	USC: Recreation Tanning Center
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DAVE: Sylvester's Sports	DAVE: Sylvester's Sports	DAVE: Sylvester's Sports
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Sale No.	Description of Land	Tax Year	Sale Amount	Sale No.	Description of Land	Tax Year	Sale Amount
CITY OF GRAYLING				CITY OF GRAYLING			
CITY OF GRAYLING PLATS				CITY OF GRAYLING PLATS			
847	W 1/2 OF LOT 1 AND ALSO 6FT VACATED ALLEY LYING ON WEST SIDE OF LOT 1 BLK 3 OF MARTHA M. BRINKS 2ND	1994	758.13	855	20-070-183-002-007-00 COMM. AT THE SE COR. BLK. 2, TH W 270F TO P.O.B., TH N 120F, TH W 90F, TH S 120F, TH E 90F TO P.O.B. FORMERLY LOT 7 & 1/2 OF 8 ALSO N 35F OF VILAS VACATED IN HADLEY'S 3RD ADD.	1994	195.65
848	20-070-132-004-008-00 LOTS 5 & 6, BLK 4, BRINKS 2ND	1994	989.39	856	20-070-190-001-007-00 LOT 7 BLK 1 MADSEN ADD. LIBER 114 PAGE 312	1994	541.96
849	20-070-132-006-001-00 LOT 7 & 8, BLK 5, HADLEY 5 AMENDED	1994	1,249.09	857	20-070-200-006-003-00 LOTS 3 & 4, BLK 8, ROFFEE 5 ADD.	1994	582.88
850	20-070-181-005-005-00 LOT 5, BLK 5, HADLEY 5 AMENDED	1994	1,529.67	858	20-070-200-010-005-00 LOT 5 BLK 10 ROFFEE 5 ADD.	1994	653.23
851	20-070-181-005-011-00 LOT 11, BLK 5, HADLEY 5 AMENDED	1994	1,646.56	859	20-070-200-011-003-00 LOT 3, BLK 11, ROFFEE 5 ADD.	1994	120.81
852	20-070-181-008-009-00 LOTS 9 & 10, BLK 8, HADLEY 5 AMENDED	1994	1,053.45	860	20-070-200-022-005-00 LOTS 5 & 6, BLK 22, ROFFEE 5 ADD.	1994	1,178.96
853	20-070-182-002-009-00 LOTS 9 & 10, BLOCK 2 HADLEY 5 SECOND	1994	789.34	861	20-070-200-025-001-00 LOT 1, BLK 25, ROFFEE 5 ADD. & SE 1/2 OF LOT 2BLK 25	1994	756.80
854	20-070-182-007-008-00 FNL LOT 8, BLOCK 7 HADLEY 5 SECOND FNL LOT 1 BLOCK 23 ROFFEE 5	1994	562.29	862	20-070-200-028-005-00 LOT 5 BLK 28 ROFFEE 5 ADD.	1994	336.83
				863	20-070-200-028-006-00 LOT 6, BLK 28 ROFFEE 5 ADD.	1994	150.29
							898.41

Important Notice Relative To Delinquent Taxes

Because the list of Delinquent tax lands for tax sale advertising must necessarily be made up several months ahead of time in order to get it in the printer's hands, several descriptions are included in the Crawford County list on which taxes have been paid.

IF YOUR 1994 AND PRIOR YEARS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID, YOUR LAND CANNOT BE SOLD IN THE MAY 6, 1997, TAX SALE.

If you have not paid your taxes and your land is listed for sale, you must pay at any time up until Monday, May 5, 1997.

We shall be glad to answer any other questions you may have about the tax sale here at the Treasurer's Office.

Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE FORCLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by MICHAEL J. LEWIS, a single man, of 3341 N.E. Trail, Grayling, MI 49738, to NORTH CENTRAL AREA CREDIT UNION, of 129 Lake Street, P.O. Box 727, Roscommon, MI 48653, dated January 16, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, and State of Michigan, on January 23, 1995, in Liber 389, Pages 213-218, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three and 94/100 (\$13,653.94) Dollars, and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage thereof and in pursuance to the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage thereof will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or as much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on 3 April 1997 at 10:00 a.m., of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with Eight and 2/10 (8.2%) percent interest, legal costs, attorney's fees, and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: Lovells Township, Crawford County, Michigan: Lot 54, NORTHERN HEIGHTS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 27, Crawford County Records. Street address: 3341 N.E. Trail, Grayling, MI 49738.

The period of redemption will be Six (6) months from the date of sale unless determined to be abandoned pursuant to M.C.L.A. 600.3241 (1) whereby the period of redemption shall be thirty (30) days.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Dated: 18 February 1997
By: Gerard F. Brabant P31123
LAW OFFICES OF GERARD F. BRABANT, P.C.
Attorney for Mortgagee
241 Lake Street, P.O. Box 35
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517) 275-4365

MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Howard A. HAYES and Susan M. HAYES, his wife to GRAYLING STATE BANK, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated December 4th, 1995 and recorded on December 5th, 1995 in Liber 404, on Page 243, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America as assignee, by an assignment dated 12/4/95, which was recorded on February 24, 1997, in Liber 425, on Page 503, Crawford County Records, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Three and 22/100 dollars (\$38,863.22), including interest at 8.12% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on April 23rd, 1997.

Said premises are situated in City of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 4 and the Southeastly 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 12, Roffee's Addition to the City of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated March 13, 1997
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(810) 642-4282
Trot & Trot, P.C.
Attorneys for FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File #97020825

-13-20-27-3-10

-27-6-13-20-27

We think that you'll FIND almost anything through the classifieds. Whether IT is employment, selling the junk in the basement, buying or just wishing someone "Happy Birthday," THE best possible choice for advertising is in the Crawford County AVALANCHE CLASSIFIEDS. For more information call 348-6811.

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE

The frost laws that went in effect at 6:00 a.m. on Friday March 7, 1997, remain in effect. At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard, which includes load restrictions of 35%.

After meeting with commercial haulers to determine reasonable application and enforcement procedures and routes, the following roads may be travelled while frost laws are in effect, in accordance with state law:

Old-27, County line, to County line
612; Old-27 East to I-75
Four Mile Road; I-75 to Rail Road Crossing
Sherman Road; North County line to landfill.

FROST LAW RESTRICTED ROADS ARE SIGNED AND FROST LAWS ARE BEING ENFORCED.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact Jed Blaauw, Superintendent, at: (517) 348-2281, should you be a hauler with a specific question about restricted roads.

By: J. Briney, Managing Director
For: Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bill Gannon, Vice-Chairman
Bob Nelson, Member

-20-27

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP Notice of BUDGET Public Hearing & ANNUAL Meeting for General & Special Funds

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 1997 - 1998 at the South Branch Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653 on March 29, 1997, at 9 a.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or call Laura Smith, Clerk at the Township Hall, (517) 275-8232.

A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the Clerk.

Laura Smith,
Clerk

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RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS Meeting Held on the 24th Day of February 1997 Grayling, Michigan

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Golinick at 7:30 P.M.

II. Members Present: Stevens, Golinick, Moshier, Ruddy, Akers.

Members Absent: None.

Also in Attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Norm Bancroft, Eric Gaertner from Avalanche, Cheri Hunter, Loren Goodale III, 9 Boy Scouts, 4 Students, Verna Meharg, City Treasurer, Susan Bateson, Wayne Winchester, Fred Fedak, Linda Fedak, San Starks.

III. 97-20
Moved by Stevens, supported by Akers that the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

97-21
Moved by Moshier, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 17, 1997 be approved as presented. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

IV. Citizens who wish to speak.

Mr. Fedak spoke on the proposed race track in Crawford County. Any questions can be faxed to 348-7334 regarding this project. He is trying to see if the people in the area are interested in having a race track.

Mr. Fedak spoke about the snowmobile situation in town. Need a through town trail and to put route in the paper. City needs to make businesses more accessible to snowmobiles. Mr. Morford noted that the City is working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Sheriff's Department to get a good snowmobile trail through Grayling.

V. Communications were received and noted.

a. January 1997 Finance Report.
b. City Assessor Report 1997.
c. January 1997 Police Report.
d. City Election Data Sheet.
e. View Point Article.
f. Letter from County Sheriff regarding Officer Long.

97-22
Moved by Ruddy, supported by Stevens that the City Council also send a letter to Officer Long commending him for help with the Sheriff's Department on a near hostage situation. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

g. Emergency Services Council Minutes of February 12, 1997.

VI. Old Business.

a. City Water & Sewer Rates.

97-23
Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy, see attached.

Mr. Moshier noted that he has a problem with the effective date of January 1, 1997. Would like it to start April 1, 1997. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Moshier), Absent: 0, motion carried.

VII. New Business.

a. V.F.W. Regarding Fourth of July Parade.

97-24
Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens to thank them for their efforts and allow the V.F.W. to have a 1997 4th of July Parade. Police Chief and City Manager will work with the group as usual. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

b. Appoint Property Tax Board of Review Alternate Member. The City Manager suggested Art Thayer as an alternate.

97-25
Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy to appoint Art Thayer as an Alternate to the Property Tax Board of Review effective today to insure a full board for the early March Board of Review meetings. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

c. Moving of Regular City Council Meeting from March 31, 1997 to March 24, 1997.

97-26
Moved by Moshier, supported by Stevens to change the March 31, 1997 Meeting to March 24, 1997 due to spring break. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

VIII. Reports of City Manager.

a. Copy of letter from Bovees regarding sidewalk. Will look into this project in the spring.

b. Met with Committee from Downtown after last meeting regarding snow removal from sidewalks.

c. Snowmobile Ordinance Meeting. Need user friendly rules.

d. Letter from Deb Golden.

e. DEQ call regarding clean up of 307 sites.

f. Chamber seeking a new Chamber Director.

g. Sandy Moore letter regarding racetrack.

h. Camp Lehman crew. City is trying to have the crew work four 10 hour days during the summer.

IX. Reports of Council Members.

a. Mr. Stevens remarked that the DPW crew did a great job on getting snow plowed over the week-end. Mr. Akers and the rest of the Council agreed.

X. Adjournment.

97-27
Moved by Golinick, supported by Stevens that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

CRAWFORD COUNTY Regular Board Meeting February 4, 1997

The Regular Board Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 10:00 a.m. on February 4, 1997.

Present: Bretzke, Hartman, Long, Black, Corlew, and Smock.

Absent: None.

There were other visitors present.

— Accepted the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 21, 1997.

— Accepted the Ways & Means Committee Report and approved payment of the following vouchers: General Fund - \$56,597.28 and Balance from the "Open Invoice Report" - \$159,190.47; D.A.R.E. Fund - \$739.20; Commissioners Per Diem: Commissioner Black - \$128.00; Commissioner Bretzke - \$138.00; Commissioner Corlew - \$148.00; Commissioner Hartman - \$128.00; Commissioner Long - \$128.00; Commissioner Smock - \$128.00.

— Accepted the correspondence as presented.

— Adopted Resolution 97-0204 reaffirming the salary of the Prosecuting Attorney for Crawford County at the per annum rate of forty-two thousand (\$42,000.00) dollars.

— Agreed to forward a letter to Hanson Hills and inquire if the designated Michigan Recreation Bond Work Site Funding Sign has been placed at Hanson Hills.

— Agreed to forward correspondence to Mark A. Murray of the Family Independence Agency requesting further information on the action taken as noted in his letter of January 6, 1997.

— Approved the Board Chairman to proceed and endorse the Michigan Justice Training Commission Registration for Act 302 Law Enforcement Distribution.

— Entered into an agreement with the Block Grant for Juvenile Crime contingent on the basis that Crawford AuSable Schools meet the required 10% funding necessary.

— Tabled the entry of Agreement with the Judicial System for the next two weeks and to place it on the February 18, 1997 Board Agenda for further consideration.

— Consideration will be given to honor the request to hire a Compliance Officer/Civil Clerk and a Dispatch Operator for Central Dispatch, and to refer the matter to the County Treasurer requesting that he advise in two weeks if there will be available funding making it possible to fill both positions.

— Instructed the Clerk to disburse full payment of \$292.86 to House of Cabinets for the new District Court office counters and to seek full reimbursement from the Court System Project.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

File No. 96-3859 CK (M)
CAROLINE M. HALL,
Plaintiff

vs.
PATTI M. PARTELLO and
CARL S. PARTELLO, JR.,
Defendants.

DAVID R. SABIN P19822
Attorney for Defendant
115 Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738
(517) 348-5588

CARL S. PARTELLO, JR.
Defendant In Pro Per
6464 AuSable Street
Frederic, Michigan 49733

PATTI M. PARTELLO
Defendant In Pro Per
P.O. Box 465
Grayling, MI 49738

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of an Order of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Michigan, directing the sale of the following property, legally described as follows:

Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, McRae's Addition to the Village of Frederic, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 09, Crawford County Records, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan.

I shall offer the property for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan in Crawford County, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court on Wednesday, April 16, 1997 at 10:00 a.m.

Kirk A. Wakefield
Sheriff/Under Sheriff

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The Avalanche "Your Hometown Newspaper"

(517) 348-6811
FAX 348-6806

NOTICE

Due to the resignation of a Trustee on the Lovells Township Board, the township board will be accepting applications from township residents interested in this position.

Please contact the Township Supervisor on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm, at the Lovells Township Hall.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

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NOTICE

FULL-TIME BUILDING OFFICIAL/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Grayling Township is seeking a State Registered Code Official/Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer to provide residential, commercial and industrial inspections in conjunction with permits issued through the Grayling Township Building and Zoning Department.

Applicants may qualify for a provisional registration with the Michigan Dept. of Labor if they have four years (8,320 hours) experience in building construction, are a licensed builder, superintendent, foreman, architect or engineer. A person qualifying for a provisional license must register with the State of Michigan within 30 days of hire and progressively earn credits toward State Registration.

The employee will also be charged with enforcing Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance, Junk & Garbage Ordinance, Public Nuisance & Anti-Noise Ordinance and Sign Ordinance. Training in this area will be provided by Grayling Township.

Employee will be required to serve as Grayling Township Hall and Compactor Station Building Maintenance Coordinator and will perform periodic inspections to insure Township facilities are in top condition.

Employee must retain a valid Michigan driver's license and have their own transportation. Mileage is reimbursed.

Employee should possess a degree of computer literacy and be able and willing to work with computers.

To obtain a complete job description, benefit package, application form or to submit resume, please contact: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm, April 1, 1997.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

by Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

I overheard a comment recently regarding a desire for the coming of spring and the first mushrooms. I walked away from the conversants so did not hear the remainder of the conversation, but I will bet it had to do with the favorite places to find mushrooms and their use. Despite all the snow on the ground at the present time, it won't really be that long before many who do not venture into the forests very much will be doing so with some kind of container in hand. What is a mushroom anyway?

According to one source I have at hand, there are more than 75,000 species of plants classed as fungi. This class includes the one-celled yeasts that make bread dough rise, juices to ferment, and mildew. The molds that appear on over-ripe fruit and in blue cheeses is a fungi, just as is the mold that provides penicillin. This class also includes the Morel and the Amanita, the latter is extremely poisonous by the way. Some fungi as you have already guessed do not look like our conception of a mushroom at all. Puffballs are solid, fleshy spheres, bird nest fungi form very small cups with what looks like little eggs inside containing the spores. Another type of

fungi looks like a head of cauliflower, others resemble branching coral, some form shelves protruding from tree trunks and some look like globs of jelly.

While the vast majority of plants are able to manufacture their own food, all fungi take their nourishment from the bodies of other plants and animals either living or dead. Because many fungi live on the remains of plants and animals they are responsible for much of the break down (decomposing) of the organic matter. What you see above ground or other surfaces where a fungi is growing is only a small part of the total. Much of the hidden part of the plant consists of a multitude of tiny threadlike filaments called hyphae, that forms what is called mycelium. The

hyphae permeate the dead organic tissue, thus speeding its decay. If you want to think of the hyphae as roots you won't be far wrong.

There are a few kinds of fungi that live in close association with the roots of pines and orchids. The hyphae grow around and sometimes into the roots of the host plant supplying the roots with water and nutrients and in return the fungi receives necessary food. This beneficial relationship is called symbiosis.

Fungi are among the most

widespread of all living things because instead of what we call seeds they reproduce from dust-like spores. When you step on a dried puffball mushroom, for example, the reddish dust that spurts out is actually millions if not billions of spores which if they land in the proper circumstances will eventually produce another puffball. Some spores are scattered by splashing raindrops, a few are seemingly shot from the parent plant, but most are carried by the wind.

The 500 or so species of slime molds are the strangest of the fungi class. For

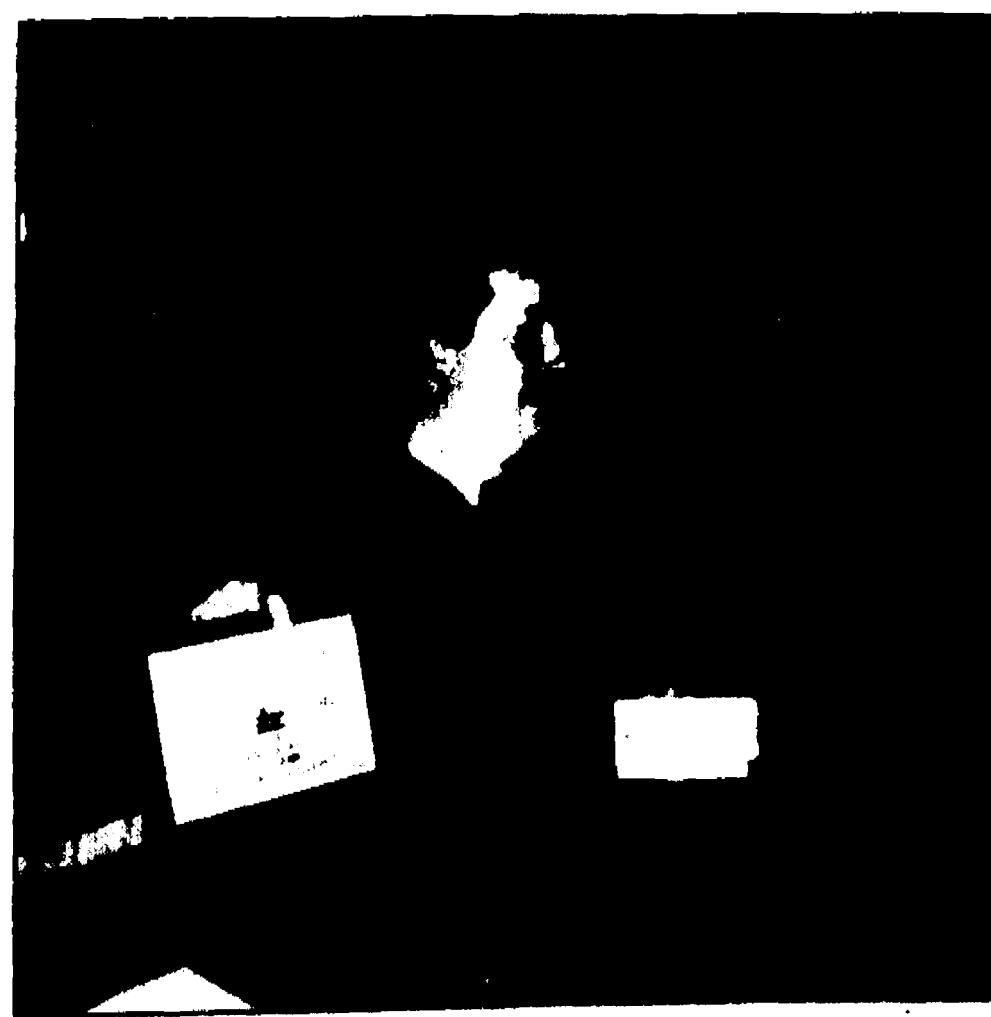
a majority of their lives they act more like animals than plants. Slime molds are jelly-like blobs that flourish among decaying vegetation where they creep along like giant amoebas. Later in their life they move to drier places and the jelly-like material becomes a fruiting body that produces spores which start the cycle all over again. Rest assured that the cycle of the seasons will come around again so you can once again venture forth into a vibrant spring, but in the meantime keep the shovel handy.



DONATING MONEY — Grayling Eagles #3465 gives money to the United Way. John Kuszak, left, and Walter Mansfield present the check to Bill Gannon representing the United Way.



AWARD WINNER — The men's bowling association handed out awards for outstanding accomplishments. Al Angove (left) received an award for last season's highest series of 689. Jacob Helsel (center) received an award for this year's great game of 299, with a 727 series. Lance Davis received his award for last season's highest average of 186.



HIGH GAME — Dan Walker received a men's bowling association award for last season's highest game of 261.

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LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 97-5674-IE
Estate of JOHN C. PATNODE
381-40-8643

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 4525 W. 7 Mile Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, died 12-21-96. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Dorothy M. Patnode, 4525 W. 7 Mile Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4 months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OTSEGO PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION Order For Publication On Hearing

Case No. J-96-129-NA

TO: Marie Galvani and Tomas Galvani, II,
IN THE MATTER OF: Tomas Galvani, II,
DOB: 12-1-96

A abuse/neglect petition has been filed in the above matter. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the court on April 7 and 8, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in Otsego County Circuit Courtroom, Gaylord, MI.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Marie Galvani and Tomas Galvani, II, personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in an adjudication of abuse/neglect.

March 11, 1997
Richard J. Liedel,
Judge of Probate

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NOTICE

PART-TIME ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR Grayling Township is seeking a State Registered Electrical Inspector on a contractual basis to provide residential, commercial and industrial electrical inspections in conjunction with permits issued through the Grayling Township Building & Zoning Department.

Applicants may qualify for a provisional registration having worked two years as a licensed journeyman or by being a licensed master electrical. A person qualifying for a provisional registration must register with the State of Michigan within 30 days of hire and progressively earn credits toward State Registration.

Application forms are available, or resumes may be submitted to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm, April 1, 1997.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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NOTICE LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS

As required by the provisions of the OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT PA 267, the Lovells Township Board hereby lists and posts the dates, times, and places of all of its regular meetings during the 1997-1998 fiscal year as follows:

1. All regular board meetings will be held at the Lovells Township Hall.
2. All regular board meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7 pm on the following dates:

April 8, 1997	October 14, 1997
May 13, 1997	November 11, 1997
June 10, 1997	December 9, 1997
July 8, 1997	January 13, 1998
August 12, 1997	February 10, 1998
September 9, 1997	March 10, 1998

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD and ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS will meet on April 7, 1997 and October 6, 1997.

BOARD OF REVIEW will meet with taxpayers on March 9, 1998 and March 10, 1998.

3. All changes and special meetings will be posted eighteen (18) hours in advance.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, March 25, 1997, at 7 pm, in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the following request:

CASE #97-1: GRAYLING TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION, PETITIONER

Effects all Residential Districts of Grayling township (R-1, R-2, R-F, NRD)

A request to amend Section 27.4-A-3.C regarding In-Home Occupations as a Conditional Use.

Current wording: Shall not be conducted in an accessory building

Proposed wording: Shall not be conducted in an accessory building, unless determined by the Planning Commission that the use conforms to require conditions A through L but would be more appropriately conducted in an accessory building rather than the dwelling.

Zoning Ordinance and case file are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361 or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting March 11, 1997

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Riley. Board members present: Riley, McGregor, McDonough and Hanman. Absent: Mobarak. There were 15 guests present.

Minutes to the regular meeting of 2/14/97 and special meeting of 3/10/97 were approved. Reports were given by Supervisor, Treasurer and the Firechief on the Fire Service, DPW and Planning & Zoning.

Eleven pieces of correspondence were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cleanup day for township will be June 14th, hours 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. The board will decide while doing budget if and when a second cleanup day will take place.

2. Motion by McGregor, second by McDonough to accept Supervisors written policy in regard to Road Signs and Private Road Signs. Motion carried. Township will no longer be responsible for road signs in the township as it is our contention that all costs associated with road signs are the responsibility of the Crawford

County Road Commission. In regard to signs for private roads, the township will accept payment from residents for signs to be placed on private roads, make arrangements and disburse funds.

3. Report from Supervisor regarding Crawford County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Ordinance meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by McGregor, seconded and carried, that supervisor tell Crawford County Road Commission that the township will not be paying them for brining of township roads.

2. Beautification Committee to be given \$150.00 for flowers and/or shrubs to be planned at Park.

3. Motion by McGregor to give \$100.00 to Higgins Lake Advisory Committee for their continuing operation. Seconded and carried.

4. Motion by McDonough to use Jim Mullens as maintenance person for the township. Seconded and carried.

5. McGregor moves to cancel township insurance with Par Plan and go with Burham & Flower, effective immediately, providing there are no penalties assessed. Seconded and carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Questions regarding proposed race track. Several comments regarding poor job Crawford County Road Commission is doing in snowplowing and road to our transfer site has been left in poor shape.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.
Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

The Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development commission will hold two hearings, both scheduled for March 26, 1997, one at 3:30 pm and one at 7 pm, in the office at 203 Huron St., Grayling, MI, purpose of the hearing is the county application for Farmers Home Administration Housing preservation grant in the amount of \$72,900.

 **EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY** 

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Crawford through the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office is proposing to make application for a Housing Preservation Grant through the Farmers Home Administration. The grant application will be for \$72,900 to be used for very-low and low-income families, county-wide, single family units, owner-occupied for housing rehabilitation to assist in eliminating safety and health hazards and overcrowding which would contribute to the structural integrity or long-term preservation of the unit without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, height, weight, arrest record or physical or mental handicap if such person has the capacity to contact.

The proposed project will provide loan funds through the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community development office to rehabilitate single family owner-occupied housing.

Comments will be accepted at the Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development office between 8:30 am and noon or between 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, located at 203 Huron St., Grayling. Anyone wishing to telephone in comments may do so during the same times at (517) 348-3513. Comments will be accepted until April 12, 1997.

 **EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY** 

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 16-22

ARIES

March 21-April 20

You're dynamite in group endeavors this week. You don't even need to take a prominent role if you're not feeling up to it. You're lucky in small risks early in the week, but do your homework before taking on anything larger.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Keep your opinions to yourself this week. It's easy for others to misunderstand you, and it's better to avoid creating controversy. Look to an educational opportunity if you're seeking a new romance. If you need a favor, ask an older person.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Don't sit around wondering this week—ask questions instead. Be tactful and a good listener, and you could learn far more than you expect. A friend's offer could have some strings attached. Get the full story before accepting or rejecting.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

When solving a sticky problem, try to break it down into its components. You may have better success tackling one issue at a time. If someone near is sabotaging your efforts, address them directly and tactfully. This weekend, go explore someplace you have never been before.

LEO

July 23-August 23

If you're feeling a bit down this week, give yourself a little extra TLC. People close to you mean well, but they may not have the energy to help you. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance from a different source. Your hard work is beginning to pay off.

VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Feeling cluttered lately? Take a careful inventory and then get rid of everything you don't need. Be ruthless, and you'll breathe a little easier. Projects around the house demand your attention. Don't skimp when asked to contribute to a group effort.

LIBRA

September 23-October 23

This is a good week to make a romantic commitment. If you're certain of another person's feelings, then go ahead and take the plunge. If you're feeling overworked, ask a sweetie to provide assistance or stress relief.

SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

A long-held goal may be almost within reach. It may be difficult, but you must remain patient a while longer. Watch out for double meanings—what you mean might not be what another person thinks you said. This is a good time to ask for a raise.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

Plan something special with your sweetie. Whether it's a mini-getaway or just an evening out, you'll improve your frame of mind and have a wonderful time. Pay close attention to your obligations, even if it means altering your plans slightly.

CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Your organization and effective planning help you get through a mountain of responsibilities early in the week. Use your extra free time to have a little fun. Be careful when flirting—odds are, someone is paying more attention than you had first thought. Don't lead him or her on.

AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

If you're feeling stuck, take a few moments to write down your dreams and hopes. Then talk to someone who can help you list ways to make your dreams come true. Be sure to listen carefully to what that person has to say, or you could miss an unspoken message.

PISCES

February 19-March 20

A private matter demands discussion with the other people involved. Be discreet, and you'll enjoy a positive outcome. When a person you respect speaks, take careful notes. You'll find a wealth of wisdom to draw on later.

For Entertainment Purposes Only



HOME NEEDED — This male Cock-a-poo is two- to three-years old. He is housebroken and good with children. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

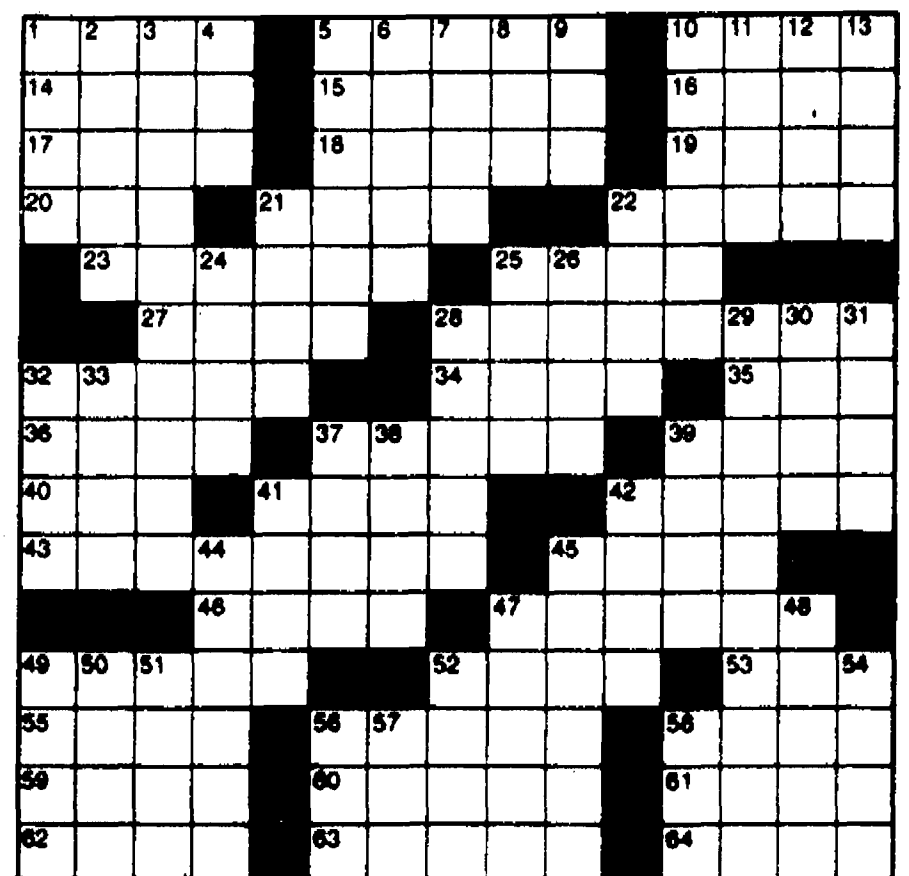
Exercise is still important for your pets, even in winter. Whenever you walk your dog, be sure to check her paws for frostbite, advises the Animal Protection Institute.

The salt used to thaw snow and ice can dry and crack your dog's paws, so use a damp towel to wipe off his feet and underside, advises the Animal Protection Institute.



The soles of your feet contain more sweat glands and more pressure-sensitive nerve endings per square inch than any other part of your body.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. To be, in Pares
5. Fed the lily
10. Witches
14. After that
15. Achieve
16. Annapolis inst.
17. Hostile god
18. Petitioners
19. Solo prompser
20. 2,000 pounds
21. Dejected mood
22. Expense vouchers
23. Flowers
25. Exclusive
27. Hollow, as a threat
28. Anne Of The Days
32. ... up (tipped off)
34. Ready
35. "Pooh" character
36. Biblical book
37. Actor Claude
38. Iced tea flavoring
40. Female rabbit
41. Nosegay holder
42. Membo steps
43. Esteemed
46. Robin's retreat
48. Greyhound rider
47. Nightclubs
49. Rub the wrong way
52. Watergate burger
53. Heck's vehicle
58. Tramp
58. Director Sergio

DOWN

1. Coup d' ...
2. Pulse
3. Signed up again
4. Naval officer (abbr.)
5. Take over
6. Parts of speech
7. "Star ..."
8. Election add-on
9. Welby and Kidare (abbr.)
10. Quarts
11. Wine region
12. Bothersome insect
13. Sinks in the middle
21. Band
22. Lead
24. Poems of exalted emotion
25. Hebrew letter
26. Dropper's word
28. Heard a case
29. Blueblood
30. Words accompanying "Don't touch!" (2 wds.)
31. Morse units

32. Roe v. ...
33. Church picture
37. Recherche
38. On the ocean
39. Male (abbr.)
41. ... of Kashmir
42. Brat
44. Exertion
46. Feet between bases on a diamond
47. Nantucket sights
48. Finnish bath
50. Actor Everett
50. Achaia ceremony devices
51. Busy as ... (2 wds.)
52. Gale giver
54. The ... Queen (Eldrich novel)
56. Ad ...
57. Wind dir.
58. Entertainment sources

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ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago March 21, 1974

Bridget Hoffman, Myrna Newberry, Janet Papendick and Marcie Hatfield have been selected for the 34th American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, which will be held on the Campus of Olivet College, June 16 - 23.

On the evening of March 29th Grayling will be holding a Sportscar Rally. Anyone interested in spectating should contact John Sojka at the Southend Total station, or come to the Holiday Inn between 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. that evening.

Audrey Kequom, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kequom of Frederic, received her Associate Degree in the Nursing program at Ferris State College, February 17.

Orders are now being taken for Cemetery Markers and Monuments for Memorial Day. Phone Carl Hanson at 348-9141.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the ladders that were taken from the fire truck in Frederic, please return them at once to Al Leng and thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nusbaum enjoyed a few days vacationing in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Read returned home after spending several weeks in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harris and family spent the weekend in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Swanson and children, Heather and Eric, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kammer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lavrey of Stanton visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson a few days last week.

Congratulations to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Costello.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duby gave the party Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Ruth Caid, Edith Maki, Florence Sodequist and Jack Maki. Mrs. Violette Richards will have the party this week.

Welcome Wagon wishes to thank Dennis Freeman for a most interesting talk. If you are new to the area and would like to be visited by our hostess, call Sandy Reynolds at 348-8998.

Black and White Foodland has some specials running this week: Round Bone Beef Roast \$1.39 per pound, sliced bacon \$.89 per pound, Awake, 2 for \$.49, Nestles semi-sweet chocolate, 6 oz., \$.29 and oranges 6 for \$.39. Olan Mills photographer will be at Gambles of Grayling. One 8 x 10 color portrait, only \$.99.

Camp Grayling announces that there will be three encampments this summer with a total 11,615 men using the facilities with Michigan supplying the major portion.

Grayling Postmaster, James Baker, announced this week of the installation of a new collection box for mail has been placed in the Mini Mall. Pick up time will be at 12 noon, Monday through Friday and at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

46 Years Ago March 22, 1951

Mrs. Floyd SanCartier, Mrs. Herbert Stephan and Mrs. Jack Church were co-hostesses at a miscellaneous shower given at the home of Mrs. Byron Randolph, Thursday evening to honor Miss Joan Randolph who became the bride of Clifton Papendick on Saturday.

A number of Lovells folks are still sick with bad colds and some of the youngsters taking care of the measles.

Mrs. Stella Waite announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Lucille, to Dean Hively, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hively of Turner, which took place Sunday at 4 p.m. The single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Herbert T. Sebree at the Free Methodist parsonage in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

The Emil Tahvonens are happy over the arrival of a son, Terry Martin at Mercy Hospital on St. Patrick's Day.

Gregory Richard, on March 16 at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith and son, Terry and Jim Burch, Dale Pettengill and Ronny Larson attended the basketball tournament in Lansing last weekend.

Miss Christine Sales is home from college to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sales.

Dick Rasmussen is enjoying a vacation from M.S.C. at the home of his parents, the Harold Rasmussens.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Randolph and daughter, Miss Phyllis, expect to leave today to spend the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Papendick (Joan) of Flint and Mrs. Ernest Bernette in Detroit.

Miss Sue Giegling is home from Michigan State College to spend Easter vacation with her parents.

"His Ozark Cousin" a mirth provoking comedy, will be presented by the Junior Class of Grayling High, Thursday, April 5, in the high school auditorium.

President Truman, Monday appointed postmaster for six Michigan communities including Grayling.

The president named James Post to take the place of Grayling's retired postmaster, James McDonnell.

Karen Atkinson, daughter of the Alec Atkinsons celebrated her seventh birthday recently by entertaining 12 playmates at a party. Games were played and lovely lunch enjoyed.

Miss Barbara Jean Nelson of Grayling has just entered the Ferris Institute College of Commerce for the spring term. She is the daughter of A.J. Nelson. She is a graduate of the Grayling High School and will study business management.

Due to the heavy snow this winter three roofs caved in at Camp AuSable, the Seventh Day Adventist Camp.

Miss Harold MacNeven was hostess to the Saturday Bridge Club on March 17. The luncheon table was attractively decorated to carry out the St. Patrick's Day theme. Mrs. Charles Piper was a guest and prizes were won by Mrs. Alfred Sorenson, who held high score and Mrs. Roy Milnes with second high.

69 Years Ago March 22, 1928

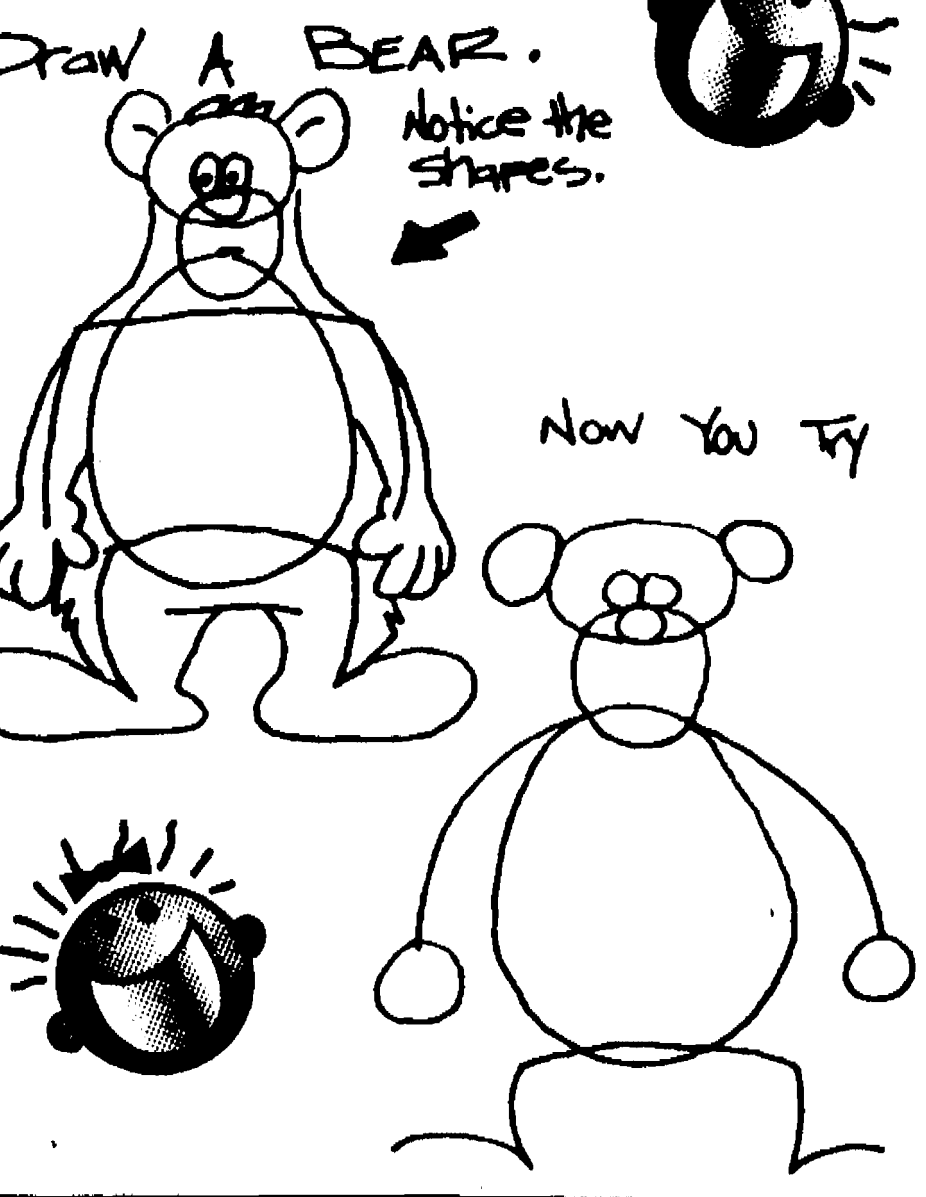
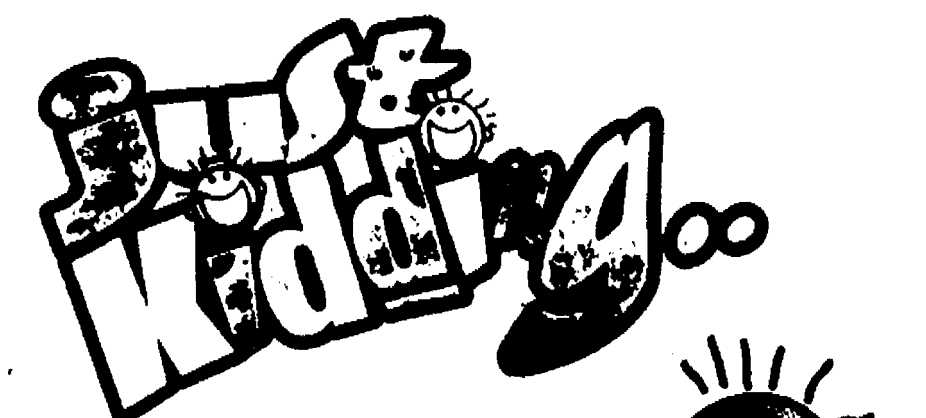
Senior and junior high school students on the February honor roll are Laura Ensign, Elmer Fenton, Lewis Engel, Eleanor Gorman, Laura Knibbs, Marion Hanson, Frederic Mason, Loretta Sorenson, Kathryn Mallinger, Eleanor Land, Maxine Adams, Norman Wheeler, Mildred Hanson, Earl Gierke, Helena Harder, Hazel Hunter, Elizabeth Matson, Ernest Lozon, Frances May, Mary Murphy, Bernedette Montour, Grace Parker, June Schofield, Jane Keyport, Elmer Neal, Elna Mae Sorenson, Ishbrand Harder, Elaine Regan, Julian Smith, Stanley Stephan, Shirley Stinchcomb, Gale Welsh, Dorothy May, Charles Mason, Effie Hunter and Vera Schofield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borchers are attending the flower show in Detroit. Mrs. Isadore Vallad of Standish visited her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Chalker and family a few days last week.

Mrs. Andrew Brown and Miss Keeran entertained their Sunday school classes at a dinner party Wednesday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Stanton, March 14. Her name is Hattie Marie.

Mrs. George Weaver of Chicago and Mrs. J.H. Walt of Bay City are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dell Walt for a few days.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip.	Snow on Ground
3/12	32	4		26"
3/13	27	4		25"
3/14	27	8	0.25	26"
3/15	22	11	0.26	29"
3/16	16	-12	0.05	29"
3/17	31	-11		28"
3/18	41	17		24"

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Walk to the lake!
An absolutely beautiful home near Lake Margrethe, offering asphalt driveway, large living room, extensive countertops in kitchen, finished two-car garage and storage shed. \$94,500. #4025

Quality home in great location
Offering a full basement, fireplace, three bedrooms, two baths, two-car attached garage, enclosed screened porch, concrete driveway and nice landscaping. \$79,900. #3909

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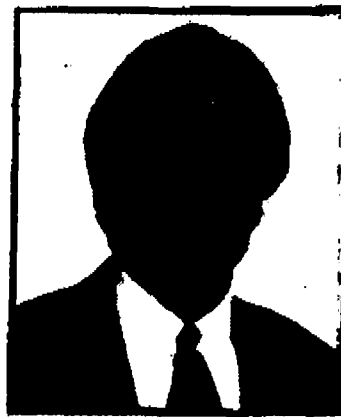
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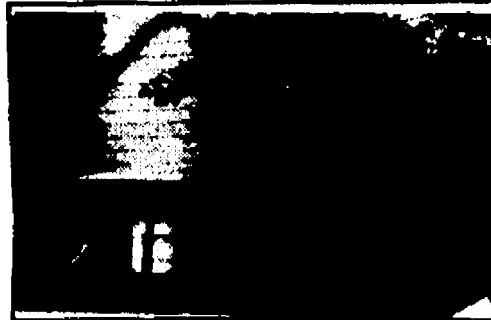
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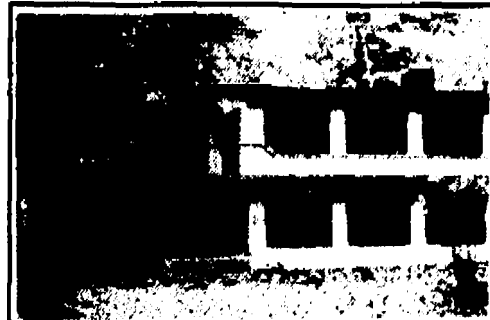
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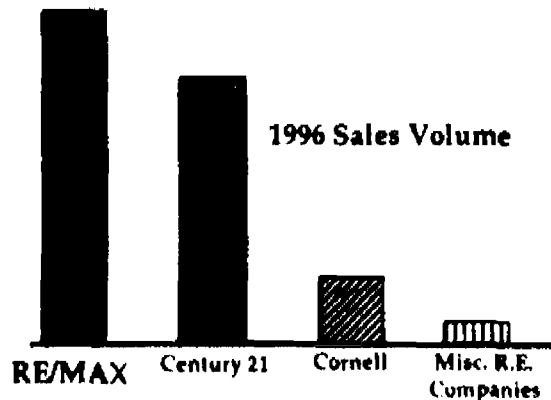
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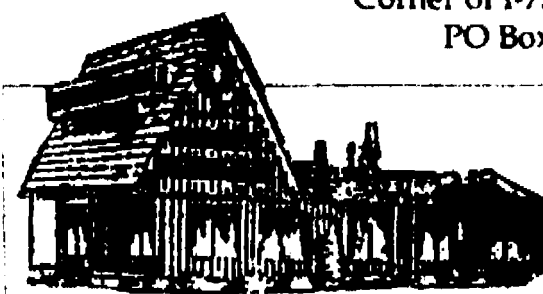


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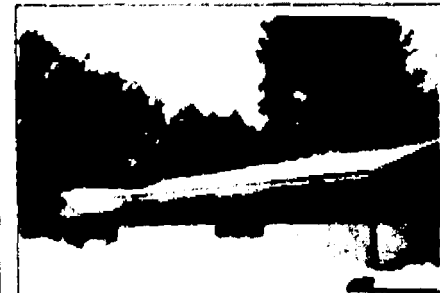
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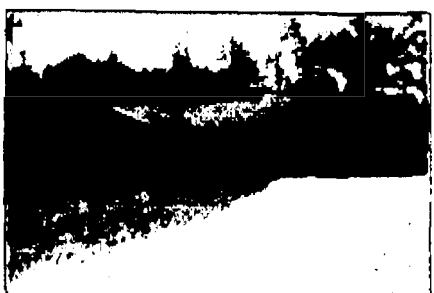
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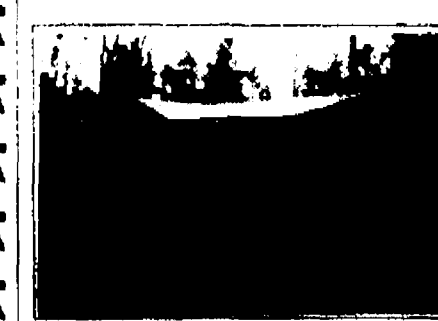
AUSABLE RIVER MAINSTREAM Three-level A-frame, four bedrooms, circular stairs, lower-level great room, 20x34 w/brick wall fireplace and woodburner insert, 12' doorwall, garage w/hall bath, a great view of river. \$125,000. (MC-479)



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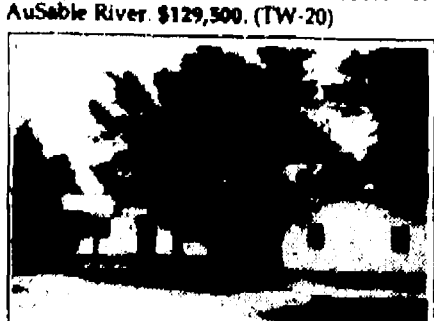
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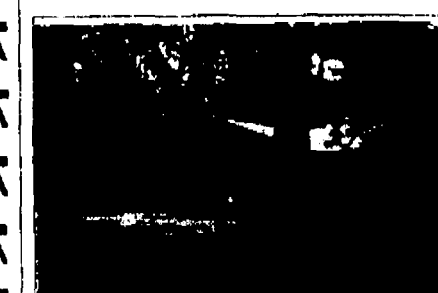
NEW HOME Close access to Lake Margrethe, 2x6 walls, 1,378 sq. ft. with three bedrooms and two baths, skylights, walk-in closets, fireplace. Cedar half-log siding. \$69,500. (JW-53)



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The site must accommodate off-street parking for a minimum of 25 vehicles and have easy accessibility. The space must comply with Barrier-Free Design and be free of toxic substances. **FACILITY MUST BE ASBESTOS-FREE OR ASBESTOS ENCAPSULATED.** The space must be available by June 1, 1997, for a five-year occupancy.

The Department of Transportation reserves the right to accept or reject any site.

If you have a site that can meet the requirements as identified, please submit address and site location to:

Mr. Charles Olney, Property Analyst
State of Michigan
Department of Management and Budget
Real Estate Division
P.O. Box 30026
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Please reply on or before March 28, 1997. Any replies after this date will not be accepted.

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2. For Rent

The GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION is taking applications for family two-bedroom apartments. One two-bedroom apartment has immediate occupancy.

Qualifications:

1. good rental history
2. good credit history
3. family size appropriate for each apartment size

Maximum Income:

Family of 2 - \$22,700
Family of 3 - \$25,550
Family of 4 - \$28,400

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3. Employment

FULL-TIME OFFICE HELP: No experience necessary, will train. Some computer knowledge a plus. Apply in person at Grayling Glass, 1178 I-75 Business Loop.

-13-20/3

CLERICAL/RECEPTIONIST with the American Red Cross, Grayling office. Ability to communicate in a courteous and professional manner. Computer skills required. \$6 hour, limited benefit package. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., M-F. Send resume to American Red Cross, 109 N. Second Avenue, Alpena, MI 49707. Affirmative Action. EOE.

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3. Employment

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PART-TIME TELLER in Grayling office. Empire National Bank is looking for an individual who is motivated, detail oriented and possesses a winning attitude. We have a part-time teller position available, 30 hours per week; rotating Saturday schedule. Prior cash handling and customer service experience preferred. Please apply at the Grayling office of Empire National Bank. Interviews will be scheduled after applications are reviewed. E.O.E. M/F/V/H.

-20/3

If you're an achiever with a positive attitude and are looking for a great career--this could be the opportunity you've been looking for. We're offering a rare opportunity for goal-oriented people who want to succeed. No experience necessary. Excellent wages, benefits and training. Weekends required. For a confidential interview, send resume to:

Attn: SB, P.O. Box 490
Grayling, MI 49738

20-27/3

3. Employment

HOUSEKEEPING HELP WANTED: Part-time. Must be available on weekends. Apply in person at Woodland Motel. No phone calls please.

-13-20/3

GENERAL OFFICE POSITION Air Way Automation has a full- or part-time position available in our administrative office. General office responsibilities, Microsoft Office 97 (Word, Excel) a plus. Accounting background helpful. Please send letter, including resume and salary expectations to Air Way Automation, P.O. Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738.

-20/3

Sales/Counter Person and Department Managers for Building Materials Center.

Seeking qualified individual to become part of our hometown team. Must be knowledgeable, reliable, ambitious and have a positive attitude towards customer service. We offer a competitive salary with attractive benefits. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1018, Gaylord, MI 49735

20-27/3

3. Employment

ACCOUNTING POSITION: Air Way Automation has a full- or part-time position available in our accounting department. A strong accounting background, including experience with Great Plains Software, a plus. Please send letter, including resume and salary expectations to Air Way Automation, P.O. Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738.

-20/3

POSTAL JOBS

\$12.68/hr. to start, plus benefits. Carriers, sorters, clerks, computer trainees. For application and exam information, call 1-219-791-1191, ext 30 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. 7 days.

-13-20/3

Help Wanted RN/LPN and CNAs

Due to an increase in our census, we are adding to our staff.

The Meadows of Grayling is accepting applications for **full- and part-time RN/LPN and certified nursing assistants.** If you want to be considered a part of our health care team, stop by and talk with our director of nursing at:

-13-20/3

Meadows of Grayling
331 Meadows Drive,
Grayling, MI
Phone (517) 348-2801

EMPIRE NATIONAL BANK OF TRAVERSE CITY MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR

Empire National Bank, northern Michigan's largest independent bank, is looking for a mortgage originator to generate residential mortgage loans in the Gaylord and Grayling market areas. Previous mortgage origination experience is preferred, but not required. This commission-only position includes a comprehensive benefit package including a 401(k) and ESOP plans. Please send all resumes to:

Empire National Bank, Partner Services
P.O. Box 1220
Traverse City, MI 49685-1220

Interviews will be scheduled after the resumes are reviewed. E.O.E.

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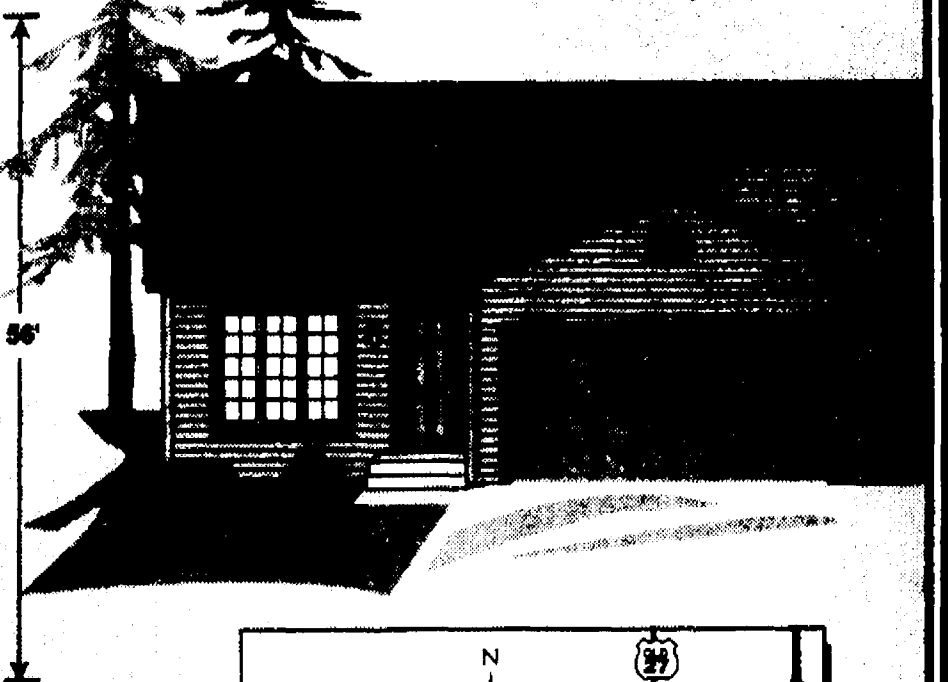
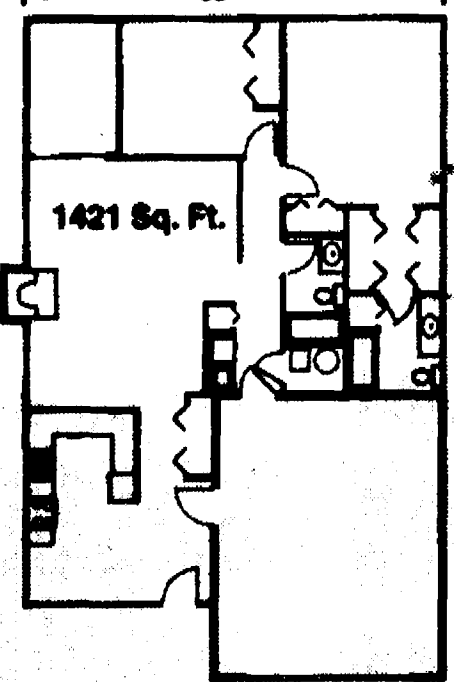
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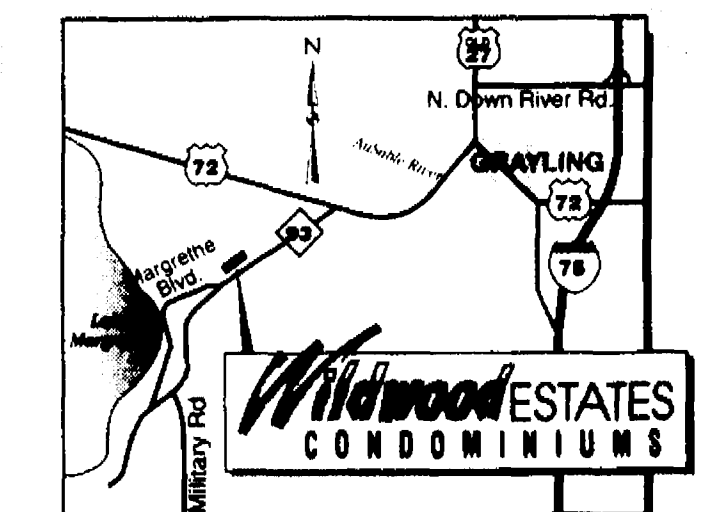
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3. Employment

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE POSITION available in a professional, non-smoking office. Computer skills and previous A/P experience required. Excellent wage and benefit package. Weekends required. Apply in person or mail resume to Spicer's Boat City, 4165 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, MI 48629.

-20-27/3

ENGINEERING CLERK: Air Way Automation has a full- or part-time position available in our engineering department, for a computer literate engineer clerk. Responsibilities include print running and general office duties. Please send letter, resume, and salary expectations to Air Way Automation, P.O. Box 563, Grayling, MI 49738.

-20/3

ATTENTION: Young or young at heart! Full- or part-time seasonal positions. Apply in person at Cartwright & Danwell, M-72. Tuesdays and Thursdays only please. Great opportunity for housewife or retired person.

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Grayling, MI 49738
Call (517) 348-5474

3. Employment

PART-TIME SECRETARY needed for weekend help. Must have good phone skills. Please send resume to Attn: AC, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738.

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If you're interested in joining a winning health care team, then Mercy/Grayling is the place for you. We're a 90-bed, not-for-profit affiliate of the Sisters of Mercy Health Corporation renowned for our quality of care, and located in one of the most beautiful regions of northern lower Michigan. We currently have immediate openings for the following positions:

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Surgical Techs (or RNs): Immediate, full-time openings. Under direct/indirect supervision of RN, functions primarily in the scrub role on the surgical team. Assists team in providing quality individualized patient care during pre/intra/post-operative phases of patient's surgical experience. Will include cross-training in Endoscopy. Minimum qualifications for Surgical Tech include graduate of surgical tech school or equivalent experience. Will consider RN with previous O.R. experience.

Physician Billers: Immediate, full-time openings in our Grayling Internal Medicine office and Houghton Lake Primary Care office. Pay scale: \$7.33-\$9.91 with benefits. Responsibilities include: gathering patient billing information and maintaining the practice management system, keeping current on all state and federal regulations of all third party payor financing all or part of patient's care, and billing regulations and rules of different specialties of physicians. Minimum qualifications include high school diploma and 2 years' recent medical office billing, including point-of-service collections and benefit verification. Practice Management information system experience as well as strong PC skills including Word Perfect and Lotus (for Windows) also necessary.

Medical Office Assistants/Medical Office Nurses/Medical Transcriptionists: Immediate, casual (as needed) openings in our medical offices-Mercy Internal Medicine (Grayling) and Mercy Primary Care (Houghton Lake). Minimum qualifications include:

Medical Office Assistant--prior medical office experience including CPT & ICD 9CM coding, familiarity with insurance plans and benefit/coverage verification. Computer practice management information system a must (prefer Medix experience). High school graduate required.

Medical Office Nurse--High school diploma and a graduate of an accredited LPN/RN program with current Michigan license. One year experience in an office setting preferred.

Medical Transcriptionist--High school diploma. Courses in typing, medical terminology, anatomy and physiology are preferred. Medical transcription experience is required.

Qualified candidates please apply in person, send resume, call or fax: Human Resources Department, Mercy Hospital/Grayling, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738; Phone: (517) 348-0340; Fax: (517) 348-0485.



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REMINGTON 760 30-06 with 3-9 scope. CVA St. Louis Hawken 50 cal. Call after 5 p.m., 348-8851. 3/20/97/5

TWO-BEDROOM TRAILER needs work. \$300 O.B.O. Call 275-7201, leave message for Robert. -20-27/5

40-GALLON electric water heater, \$30. Phone 348-6113. -20/5

10" BLACK AND DECKER deluxe band saw, \$40. Phone 348-6113. -20/5

HEAVY BARREL MAC90 (NHM91), 10 Rd. detachable magazine. Thumbhole stock, cleaning kit, bipod, 100 rds. ammo. Excellent condition. \$195 or best. Phone 348-6113. -20/5

BOAT TRAILERS for 12 and 14 ft. fishing boats, 12" wheels, \$418 + tax. Hoosier pontoon trailers for 20 ft. boats, \$1,177 with dolly jack. All models priced right! Spicer's Boat City, M-55 next to high school, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wed. -20-27/5

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11. Automotive

Grayling Housing Commission
is taking sealed bids on a 1989 Ford F250 pickup truck with plow, 7,511 original miles. Minimum bid of \$3,500. The truck can be seen at 308 Lawndale Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4 pm. All bids must be received by April 4, 1997, at 4 pm. Bids will be opened April 4, 1997, at 4 pm, at the Grayling Housing Commission. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 450. -20/27/11

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5. For Sale

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7. Miscellaneous

THANK YOU!
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FLY-TYING CLASSES: six weeks at 7 p.m. Intermediate: Tuesdays beginning March 11. Beginner beginning March 19. Sign-up now at The Fly Factory. 348-5844. LR4/10/97/8

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11. Automotive

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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Novels by Anthony Trollope will be the topic of discussion for the Book Club on Friday, March 21, at the Crawford County Library at 1 p.m.

Anthony Trollope was a British novelist best known for his series of books called "Cathedral Stories" or "Barchester Chronicles" which were condensed for a television series in 1982. These tales were of an imaginary cathedral town peopled with "speaking, moving, living, human creatures" depicting the clerical society and political life of Victorian England. Trollope's mother was also an author and wrote more than 100 books. "Domestic Manners of the Americans" was published in 1832 which made her famous, but highly unpopular in the United States.

The selection for April is a novel by Denker; May is "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil;" and June is "Beardstown Ladies Common Sense Investment Guide."

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. the library's phone number is 348-9214.

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9. Personals

SUZANNE J. TOUPIN D.C. on Herbs, Health, and the Body Systems - a 10-session study program. Fee: \$5 per class, per person. Time: 7 p.m. Intestinal System: Grayling, April 21, and Lewiston April 17; Circulatory System: Grayling, May 19, and Lewiston May 15; Urinary System: Grayling, June 16, and Lewiston June 19. Please call to register for any class you plan to attend. Lewiston: 517-788-5288 or Grayling: 517-348-4560. -20-27/9

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